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Steel in Construction.*

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Within the last few years there has been developed in this country a tendency toward steel construction, which to-day is so pronounced as to command the most thoughtful consideration, alike of constructors and manufacturers. The adaptability of steel to purposes of construction is probably no longer questioned, for even the most conservative would find it hard to resist the logic of accomplished facts, as pointed out by numerous successful steel structures, both in this country and abroad. Yet there is still a certain distrust of the material lingering in the minds of many thoughtful men, who believe steel to be endowed, more than other material, with that exasperating quality which might be fitly called "the innate cussedness of inanimate objects." This arises undoubtedly from some of the remarkable and seemingly inexplicable failures which have occurred in finished parts of steel, some of them breaking under loads utterly inadequate to produce rupture, others breaking, in some instances, without any apparent cause at all. I use the expression "seemingly inexplicable" advisedly, for I believe that every such extraordinary failure is susceptible of a rational explanation, and can almost invariably be traced, not to any inherent defect in the material itself, but to wrong treatment of the steel during the process of manufacture into the finished part or article. Of course the constructor cannot afford to lose sight of the conditions imposed upon him by the mechanical properties of the material he desires to use, and therefore, in order to harmonize his demands with the possibilities of the manufacturer, there is requisite on his part a thorough knowledge, not only of the mere ultimate strength of the material, but also of the best methods for its treatment in the various stages of manufacture.

In the present state of our knowledge and with the late improvements in the manufacture of "open hearth" steel, the two great essentials—variety of grade and certainty of product—are at the command of the steel maker, and therewith all the necessary elements to successfully meet the requirements of the engineer.

The great advantage which the substitution of steel for iron in construction offers, lies in the opportunity which its greater strength and safety afford to reduce dead load. But to carry this reduction of dead load to its full extent, it is necessary not only to take into consideration the strength of the material, but also to adapt the grade of the steel to the work for which the different parts are designed, and to proportion accordingly, due regard of course being paid to the treatment the members must undergo in the course of their manufacture. That is, members which have to undergo a great deal of local heating ought to be of lower grade than those which, after coming from the rolls, can be finished cold, &c.

In this possibility of adaptation of grade to the work required of the finished part, is to be found not only the beauty and great advantage of steel construction, but perhaps also one of the chief obstacles to its more general introduction thus far; for different grades of steel possess not only different degrees of strength, but are also radically different in their other mechanical qualities, and require different methods of treatment in the working; and hence a successful adaptation of grade necessitates a more extended knowledge of the nature of the material than is requisite in iron construction.

Carbon being the element to which, in a greater degree than to any other, the modification of the mechanical properties of steel is due, the most comprehensive, and at the same time the most convenient designation for the different grades of steel is in accordance with the carbon analysis. It therefore becomes at once evident that all records of tests and experiments in steel, to have any practical value and to be of general service to the profession, ought to be accompanied, if not by a full analysis, at least by a statement of the carbon percentage of the steel under investigation. Another difficulty in the way of obtaining generally available information, is to be found in the fact that so many and so important experimental inquiries are conducted with prepared specimens, and those even of very small size.

Results on the influence of temperature upon steel obtained by heating knitting needles in naphtha, while undoubtedly very interesting to scientists, will not carry conviction to the minds of men who have to handle material in large masses. Test results from millimeter specimens prepared in lathe and planer, cannot and ought not to be taken as a true criterion of the mechanical value of a constructive material.

I propose to lay before you this evening the results of some steel tests, made under such conditions as would naturally arise were the material to be used in a structure. These tests were made partly at the Keystone Bridge Co.'s works at Pittsburgh, partly at the works of Messrs. J. M. & J. B. Cornell, New York City, and partly at the U. S. Arsenal at Watertown, Mass. The steel which has been used in these tests was open-hearth steel, made by Messrs. Anderson & Co., of Pittsburgh, and was

* Results of an experimental inquiry as to the adaptability of steel to purposes of construction. From a paper read before the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania.

taken from different runs. The grades range from 0.30 to 0.50 per cent. carbon, and the steel was made into eye-bars, plates and riveted plate girders. Tests were also made on the comparative value of drilled, reamed and punched holes, as well as upon the mechanical effects of punching, shearing and annealing.

I ought to state here that, while all the eye-bars made of 0.30 per cent. carbon steel were taken from the same run, the 0.30 per cent. carbon plates were taken from another; the same was the case with the 0.50 per cent. carbon eye-bars and the 0.50 per cent. carbon plates, &c.

In order to bring as large a field of investigation as we propose to cover this evening within the scope of a fugitive paper, it is necessary, of course, to be as brief as possible. I will therefore simply state the

the 0.30 per cent. and 0.50 per cent. carbon steel respectively, the heads were formed by welding pieces and die-forging, and are designated "welded bars."

The bars, from steel of equal carbon percentage, had all equal sections of stem, and equal head dimensions and pinholes. All the bars were annealed before drilling.

As it was important not only to ascertain the relative strength of 0.30 and 0.50 per cent. carbon steel bars, but also to make comparisons as to the effects of the different methods of manufacture upon the strength of the finished bar, there were taken, previous to their being worked into eye-bars, from each group of nine bars, five, from the ends of which test pieces 30 inches long were cut and broken in the testing machine.

The results obtained from these test pieces are grouped in Table I. (See page 9.)

original bar; moreover, the elastic limit is too near the ultimate strength, and the percentage of elongation too small to give sufficient warning of impending failure. It will, therefore, be safe to conclude that welded members in steel construction, while no worse than welded iron ones, are not desirable, and, in fact, ought not to be admitted at all, except where the grade of steel used is very low, and then the greatest caution in working and annealing will be required.

The results obtained from the experiments with eye-bars from 0.50 per cent. carbon steel, bear out very fully the above conclusions. Another group of nine eye-bars, made of 0.40 per cent. carbon open-hearth steel is now under preparation for testing, and until this intermediate grade is tested, a full comparison is not possible. It will, therefore,

dimensions of the plates or test pieces were, so long as they admitted of a fair comparison of the results, and as it was, at the same time, important to find out what influence the relative proportion of width to thickness of plate might exercise upon the results, plates of different carbon percentage were rolled of different thicknesses and widths. Table No. IV shows carbon percentage and dimensions of the rolled plates and the specimens cut therefrom.

As it would carry us too far to examine the results of the above 54 tests in detail, the table following, No. V, contains only the average results obtained in the 0.30 per cent., 0.40 per cent. and 0.50 per cent. carbon plates respectively by cutting out the specimens in the planer, both in the direction of the rolling and across it.

Before entering upon the discussion of the results presented in Table V, it may be proper to state here that both the sheared and punched specimens showed an equal similarity of strength between lengthwise and crosswise resistance.

It would seem, therefore, that the conclusion that in steel plates the resistance to tearing is the same, either in the direction of the rolling or across it, is fully warranted, borne out, as it is here, by 54 tests, made on steel plates of three different percentages of carbon, and of different thicknesses and widths.

A remarkable feature of the results, as given in Table V, is to be found in the gradual decrease of ultimate strength in the three groups, with a corresponding increase of carbon percentage. Paradoxical as this may seem, the explanation is not far to seek. By referring to Table III we find no such result, but, on the contrary, the ultimate strength in each group increases with the increase of carbon; but then the plates were of the same thickness and width, or, in other words, the ratio of thickness to width was the same throughout the whole series of tests, and, moreover, the plates were tested just as they came from the rolls. In Table V, on the other hand, we find that not only had the specimens been prepared in the planer, but also—as is stated in the fourth column—the ratio of thickness to width changed in each group and was most favorable to the lowest grade specimens.

To these two circumstances are undoubtedly attributable the remarkable results of Table V; and when we consider further that this peculiar appearance of greater strength in the lower grades is maintained throughout the whole series of tests on the effects of shearing and punching, as will be subsequently shown, the conclusion seems inevitable that the ratio of thickness to width is a factor of the highest importance in tensile tests, and also that when deciding upon the value of a material for construction from specimen tests—unless all the attending circumstances of the investigation are known—the results ought to be taken cum grano salis.

To ascertain, now, the effect of shearing and punching upon steel, let us compare the results obtained from specimens of exactly the same size and from the same plates as those mentioned in Table V. As has been previously stated, the difference in the results between lengthwise and crosswise shearing and punching was found so diminutive as to give practically equal results; therefore, to make the comparison a perfectly fair one, the results in Table V will appear averaged in the following table, just as the results of the sheared and punched plates were averaged also. The results upon the effects of annealing or tempering after shearing or punching were obtained from precisely similar specimens, and are averaged from the same number of tests in each instance:

A careful comparison of the results in Table VI shows:

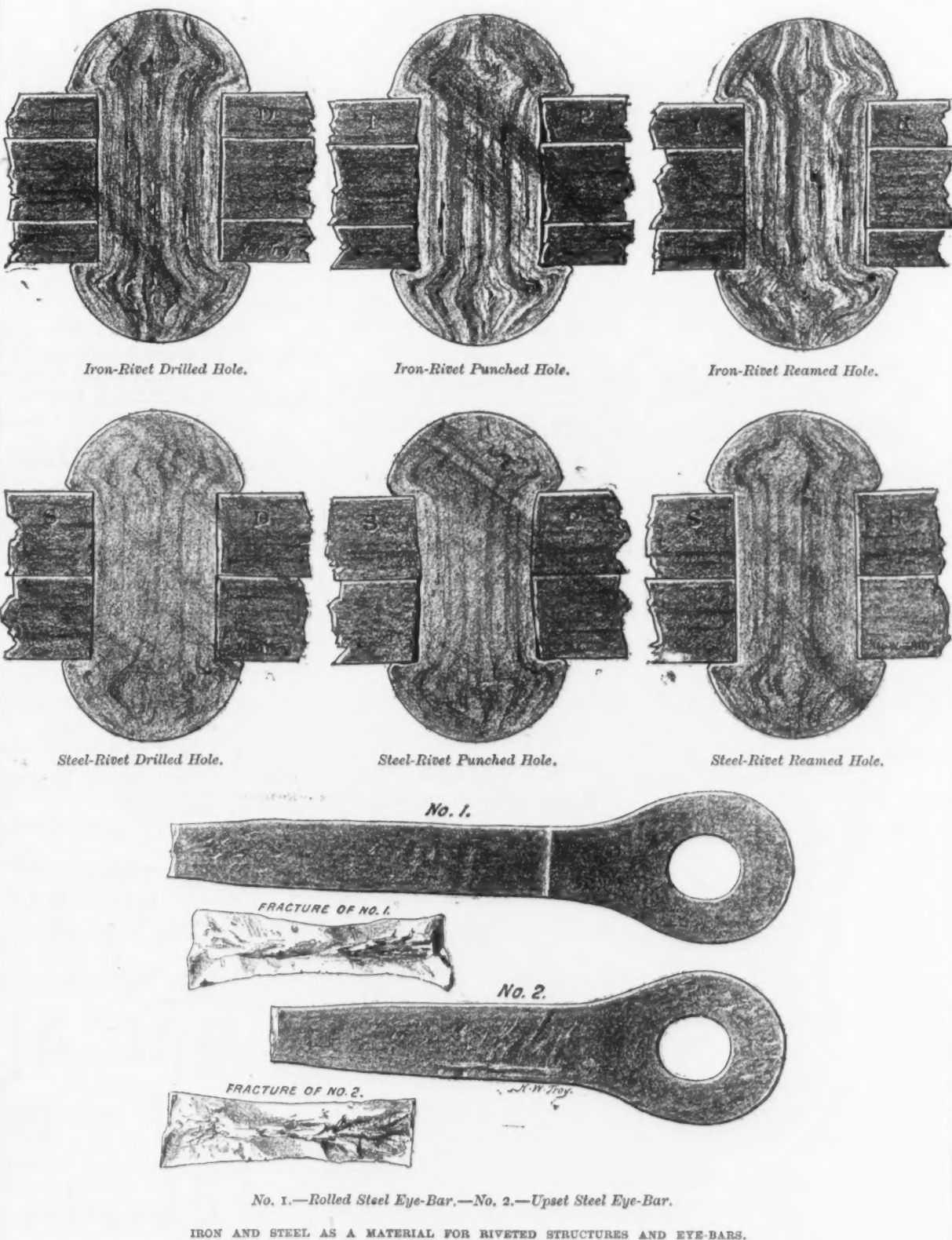
1. That both shearing and punching are injurious, *per se*, to all grades of steel, and cold punching far more so than shearing.
2. That both these operations affect the elastic limit—and this is the most important factor—far more than they do the ultimate strength.
3. That apparently the lower grades of steel are proportionately more injuriously affected than the higher grades. At this point the question naturally arises, How much or what proportion of the greater injury in the lower grades was due, in this case, to the greater thickness of the low-grade plates? A series of experiments in one carbon with plates of different thickness from the same run, is now in preparation, and will probably throw some light on this mooted point.
4. That the injurious effects of shearing and punching can be almost entirely counteracted by subsequent annealing or tempering in oil from a low heat.
5. That annealing restores the elastic limit to a greater extent than the ultimate, while tempering as above, on the contrary, largely increases the ultimate strength and ductility, but does not so fully restore the elastic limit.

The next set of tests refers to the relative value of drilled, reamed and punched holes. For this purpose strips of certain and equal widths were cut in the planer from the same set of plates.

Widths of plates, diameters of holes and tensile resistance, together with ultimate elongations of holes, will be found in Table No. VII. An analysis of the figures shows:

1. That the "reamed" hole is the strongest, and following in the order of strength

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IRON AND STEEL AS A MATERIAL FOR RIVETED STRUCTURES AND EYE-BARS.

modus operandi of the investigation, with its results, and then, in the discussion of these results, bring out the conclusions to which they seem to lead.

The first series of tests I beg to call your attention to are tensile tests on eye-bars. Eighteen eye-bars were made and divided into two groups, according to the carbon percentage of the steel, viz.: Nine were of 0.30 per cent. carbon open-hearth steel, and nine were of 0.50 per cent. carbon open-hearth steel. Each of these two groups of nine bars was subdivided again into three groups of three each, according to the method of their manufacture, viz.:

1. Three of the 0.30 per cent. carbon and three of the 0.50 per cent. carbon eye-bars were made by the Kloman patent process of rolling eye-bars, and designated "rolled bars."
2. Three bars from each of the two groups were rolled to the required section of the stem, with sufficient surplus of length to form the heads by hydraulic upsetting, and designated "upset bars."
3. In the last two groups of three from

Keeping these results in mind, and comparing them with those obtained from the eye-bar tests, as given in Table No. II, we are led to the following conclusions, viz.:

1. The strength of the specimen exceeds in each case that of the manufactured bar.
2. The uniformity of the results obtained from the tests of the bar ends, shows conclusively that whatever difference in strength there is between these bar ends and the manufactured eye bar, is properly ascribable to the mode of manufacture.
3. The results obtained from the "rolled" and the "upset" eye-bars approach nearest to the original bar strength, and give the best results. The difference between the results from these two methods is so trifling, and if anything—in the 0.30 per cent. carbon group—slightly in favor of the upset bar, that it leaves no doubt in my mind that these two processes are equally good.
4. The results from the "welded" bars show that while steel can be perfectly welded, there is a loss of nearly 30 per cent. of ultimate strength as compared with the

suffice to state here in a general way, that this group of bars from 0.50 per cent. carbon steel gave somewhat better results in the "rolled" bars than in the "upset" ones, while the loss in the "welded" bars, notwithstanding perfect welds, was so great as to clearly establish the fact that welding of high grade steel for purposes of construction is out of the question in general practice.

The next series of tests, which I beg to submit to your consideration, are plate tests, made upon rolled plates from 0.30 per cent., 0.40 per cent. and 0.50 per cent. carbon "open-hearth" steel, respectively.

To obtain primarily a fair average of the strength of the plates as they came from the rolls, and to establish therefrom a coefficient for the different percentages of carbon, three groups of 5 each, according to carbon percentage, were tested, with the results given in Table III.

The next step in the investigation was to establish the difference in the strength of the plates in the direction of the rolling and across it. As it was immaterial what the

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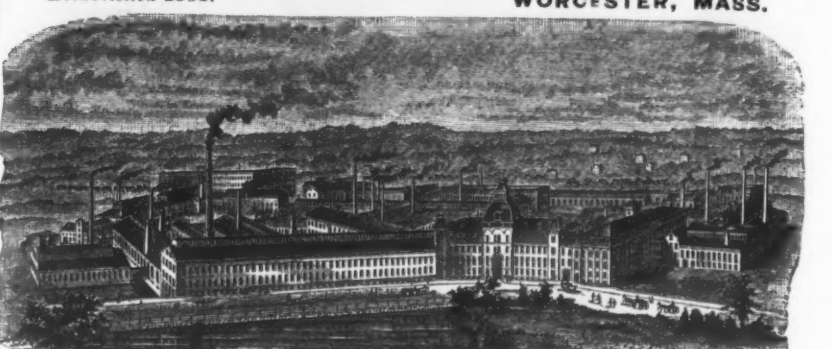

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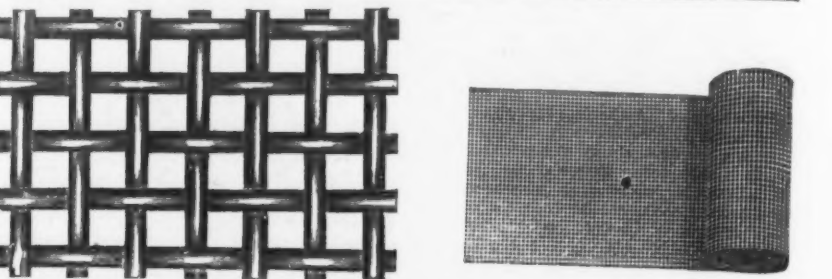


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Trade-Mark Decisions.

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(Continued.)

§ 12. New York.—[Held over until next week.]

§ 13. North Carolina.—Blackwell vs. Wright (73 N. C., 310, 1875). It was held in this case that every manufacturer has the unquestionable right to distinguish the goods he manufactures and sells, by a particular label, symbol or trade-mark, and no other person has a right to adopt his trade-mark, or one so like his as to lead the public to suppose the article to which it is affixed is the manufacture of the inventor. But before the owner of the trade-mark can invoke the power of the courts to prevent an infringement thereof, he must show a clear legal title to the trade-mark and a plain violation of it. If it appear that the trade-mark alleged to be an imitation, though in some respects resembling that of the plaintiff, would not probably deceive the ordinary mass of purchasers, an injunction will not be granted. The name of the town where both parties are doing business cannot be used as a trade-mark.

In this case plaintiff's label was as follows: "Genuine Durham Smoking Tobacco, manufactured by W. T. Blackwell (successor to J. R. Green & Co.), Durham, N. C.," with the picture of a bull in the center of the label, over which are the words "Trade Mark." He alleged that this was imitated by the label of defendant, which was on glazed paper of the same color and general appearance of plaintiff's, with the picture of the head of a bull in the center, and read: "The Original Durham Smoking Tobacco, manufactured by W. A. Wright." Injunction in the court below dissolved.

§ 14. Ohio.—McGowan, &c. vs. McGowan, (2 Cincinnati Superior C., Rep. 313, 1872). T. & J. McG., pump manufacturers, were partners as McGowan Bros. J. sold out to T. all his interest in the firm, including the old patterns, with the name of McGowan Bros. on them. T. and others procured a certificate of incorporation as "McGowan Bros. Pump and Machine Co." Held that J., who had set up a similar business, could enjoin the use by the corporation of the name "McGowan Bros." The old name is not a trade-mark, and while there is a right to use the old patterns with the name of McGowan Bros. on them, it cannot hold out by the corporation term that all the articles made by it were in fact produced by the skill and labor of J., or that the corporation is in fact the old firm composed of both brothers.

§ 15. Pennsylvania.—The decisions in this State are more numerous than in any other State except New York. They are, therefore, given under the form of a digest for convenience and perspicuity.

What may become a trade-mark.—A word which is the name of an article or indicates its quality cannot be appropriated as a trade-mark, e. g., "Extract of Night Blooming Cereus." Phelan vs. Wright (5 Phil., 464, 1864).

A trade-mark may consist of distinctive words, not in common use, descriptive of similar articles. The name of the inventor may form part of the trade-mark, e. g., "Dr. J. N. Lindsey's Improved Blood Searcher." Fulton vs. Sellers (4 Brewster, 42, 1867); Ayer vs. Hall (3 Brewster, 503, 1871).

No right can be absolute in a name, as a name merely. It is only when that name is printed or stamped upon a particular label or jar, and thus becomes identified with a particular style and quality of goods, that it becomes a trade-mark. Rowley vs. Houghton (2 Brewster, 303, 1868); Ferguson vs. Davol Mills (id. 314, 1868).

It is requisite that the device should perform the office of a finger-board, and indicate the name and address of the manufacturer, to invest it with the attributes of a trade-mark entitled to protection. The letter K inclosed in a double ring with the letters "No." and "yds." between the rings, not a trade-mark. Ferguson vs. Davol Mills (2 Brewster, 314, 1868).

A trade-mark to be capable of exclusive use must be such as will identify the article to which it is affixed as that of the owner and distinguish it from those of others. Palmer vs. Harris (60 Penn. S. R., 156, 1866).

Title to the property in the name "Keystone Lime," acquired by many years certain, exclusive appropriation and use of it by shippers of merchandise who did not own the vessels employed by them will be protected in equity. Winslow vs. Clyde (3 Phil., 513, 1872).

When an injunction will be granted.—To entitle the owner of a trade-mark to prevent its use by another person, there must be in the copy such a general resemblance of the form, words and symbols in the original as to mislead the public. Rowley vs. Houghton (2 Brewster, 303, 1868); Dixon Crucible Co. vs. Gugenheim, (id. 321, 1869). A sufficiently distinctive individuality must be presented, so as to procure for the person himself the benefit of that deception which general resemblance is calculated to produce. Rowley vs. Houghton, supra.

The jurisdiction of a Court of Chancery in trade-mark cases attaches because of the injury to the one whose goods are simulated by interfering with his profits, not because of the deception upon the public. Dixon Crucible Co. vs. Gugenheim (2 Brewster, 321, 1869).

Defendant put up a sign—"Dr. F. R. Thomas, formerly operator at the Colton Dental Rooms." The words "formerly operator" were very small—the others very large. Held, that the use of the sign was fraudulent, as against owner of the Colton Dental Rooms. Enjoined. Colton vs. Thomas (2 Brewster, 308, 1868).

Defendant will be enjoined against the use of his own name when the same has been employed by him as a trade-mark and sold to another, with covenant not to use the trade-mark. Ayer vs. Hall (3 Brewster, 509, 1871).

goods, manufactured by William Baird, at Areningo Mills, Frankford, Pa.; warranted fast colors." The words "Areningo Mills" were printed in small capitals. The size of the labels was different; the color different; the size of the letters, &c., except the words "Areningo Mills," were distinct. Injunction refused. Calladay vs. Baird (4 Phil., 139, 1860).

A trade-mark in the Spanish language, on cigars made in New York, indicated that they were made in Havana. Injunction refused, because the mark gave a false indication. Gillis vs. Hall (2 Brewster, 324, 1870).

The plaintiff had adopted a trade-mark so recently as not to have become known to the trade. Defendant, in entire ignorance of the fact and without any apparent design or intention, used the same words as a part of his trade-mark. Injunction refused. Seltzer vs. Powell (3 Phil., 296, 1871).

Plaintiffs claimed the use of the name "Galaxy Publishing Company" as a trade-mark. There was no such corporation. Held, that if plaintiff's firm name falsely implies that they are a corporation a court of equity will not assist them. McNair vs. Cleare (31 Legal In., 212, 1874).

The name of an incorporated borough cannot be held as a trade-mark to the exclusion of other residents of the borough. This is so, though the trade-mark was adopted before the incorporation of the borough and before there was any town in that place. A corporation adopted the trade-mark "Glendon" on their iron. The place where their furnaces were was afterward made a borough by the name of Glendon. Another company afterward used the mark "Glendon" on their iron. Held, that the second company could lawfully use this mark. Glendon Iron Co. vs. Uhler (75 Penn. S. R., 467, 1874).

Title.—The purchaser of a trade-mark and the right of manufacture of the article designated by it may be protected by injunction. He need not designate himself as assignee. Fulton vs. Sellers (4 Brewster, 42, 1867); Dixon Crucible Co. vs. Gugenheim (2 Brewster, 321, 1869). A person may sell a trade-mark which contains his own name, and covenant not to use the same. Ayer vs. Hall (3 Brewster, 509, 1871).

The use of the name "Keystone line" by a steamship company while the shippers were its agents is a mere license, and gives no right to its use after the agency is terminated. Wilson vs. Clyde (3 Phil., 513, 1872).

§ 16. Rhode Island.—Davis vs. Kendall (2 R. I., 566, 1850). Plaintiff was the inventor of a medicine which he called "Pain Killer." Defendant put up a medicine in similar packages, calling it "J. A. Perry's Vegetable Pain Killer." The court said: "Trade-marks may be, first, the name of the maker; second, symbolical; third, the name of a compound. Of this last kind is the trade-mark of the plaintiff—'Pain Killer.' All are entitled to make and vend this compound, and to vend it as a similar article to that made and sold by the plaintiff, but no one but the plaintiff has a right to sell it as a medicine manufactured by the plaintiff."

* * If the defendant states in his label that the article which he sells was made by himself, although he calls it by the same name as the plaintiff's, he will not be liable, because he has a right to make and vend the compound, if he vends it as his own and not as made by the plaintiff. If the defendant, without fraud, use the trade-mark of the plaintiff, he is still liable. The whole question in this case is whether the defendant's label is liable to deceive the public, and to lead them to suppose they are purchasing an article manufactured by the plaintiff instead of the defendant." Judgment for the plaintiff.

Barrows vs. Knight (6 R. I., 434, 1860). In this case it was decided that "Roger Williams' Long Cloth" was a good trade-mark.

A. Carmichael & Co. vs. Latimer, Stillman & Co. (11 R. I., 395, 1876). A. C. & Co. being the successors, by purchase, of Stillman & Co., woolen manufacturers, continued to use "Stillman & Co." as a trade-mark. Latimer, Stillman & Co., the lessees of a mill formerly used by Stillman & Co., known both as "Stillman Mill" and "Seventh Day Mill," used "Stillman Mills" as a trade-mark. On a petition for an injunction against defendants to prevent their using the word "Stillman"—it appearing that no deception could be charged on the defendants, and that no person of the old firm of Stillman & Co. was a member of A. C. & Co.—an injunction was refused because a manufacturer has a right to label his goods with his own name or that of his mill, if no fraudulent purpose is intended. The question was raised (but not decided) whether a trade-mark whose reputation depends upon the excellence of the manufacture or the skill and honesty of the manufacturer, can be assigned.

§ 17. Wisconsin.—Dunbar vs. Glenn (42 Wis., 118, 1877). The owner of a natural product (as the water of a mineral spring) is entitled, like the manufacturers of artificial products, to have his trade-mark protected. When a particular word or combination of words, used as a trade-mark, distinctly points to the origin and ownership of the article to which it is applied (and which is not a generic word or geographical name of place of origin), it will be protected. The word "Bethesda" is a good trade-mark of natural mineral waters.

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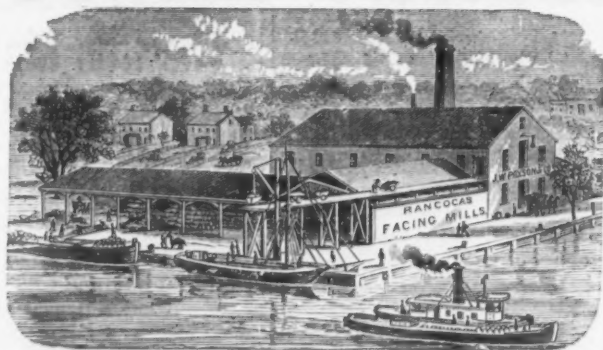
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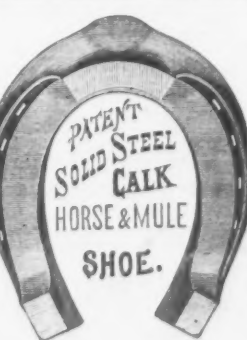
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Of late years the use of emery in the
machine shop and the manufacture of the
metals has become very general—not con-
fined, as formerly, to its application with
oil, or by means of emery cloth and emery
paper, nor to the polishing of a few articles
by the use of a wooden wheel faced with
emery; but solid wheels of emery of differ-
ent grades of fineness, the wheels being
adapted in size and shape to particular jobs,
are used in every shop where pretensions to
rapid and economical work are made.

Emery is nearly pure alumina, of the
same nature as the sapphire, small sapphires
being frequently found in corundum, or
adamantine spar, a purer and harder qual-
ity of emery. To its hardness and the angu-
larity of its crystals is due its value as a cut-
ting material for reducing metals, and this
angularity remains even in the flour of em-
ery, which is so fine as to be an impalpable
powder, giving no sense of grittiness when
rubbed between finger and thumb.

The variety of the applications of emery
is too great to be even enumerated without
prolixity. It is sufficient to say that this
material has, in a greatly economical man-
ner, taken the place of the file and of the
hard work of draw filing and hand polishing.
Articles of iron just from the lathe or planer
are submitted to the emery wheel, and in a
small portion of the time heretofore re-
quired are brought to the requisite polish
and finish. Every well-appointed shop has
its sets of wheels, and usually a polishing
room, where all of this description of work
is done. There are a number of manufac-
turers of emery wheels bearing different names
and laying claim to particular excellences;
one shop affects one make and another con-
cern holds by another; but it is probably
the fact that wheels of different makers are
preferable for a variety of work, as the
matrix of material used in agglomerating
the particles of emery is of a different na-
ture in different manufactories. Still, in
many shops, to this day, the old-fashioned
wooden wheel, with its leather-covered face
and emery drawing, is preferred for general
work, and for fine polishing nothing excels
a wheel made of the hide of the hippopot-
amus or the walrus, and even wheels of
cotton cloth are used with cake emery.

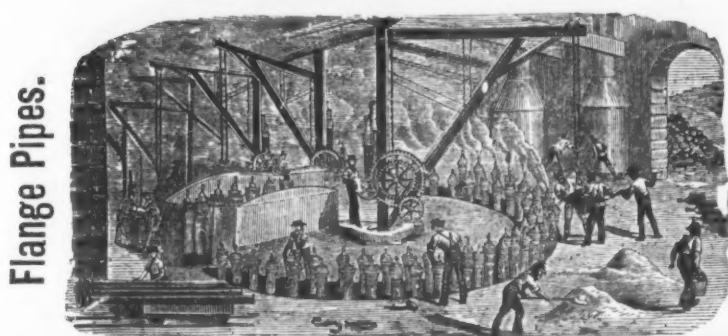
But the modern uses of emery are not
confined to polishing or surfacing. The
emery wheel is applied to the same use as
the rotary steel cutter, and it makes a very
efficient cutter. The range of its work is
surprising to one who remembers the ma-
chine shop only as it was twenty or thirty
years ago. Among its applications are
"gumming" circular saws—cutting away
the material between the teeth—dressing
castings, trueing the surfaces of cylindrical
bodies of chilled cast iron or hardened steel,
finishing forgings, grinding lathe and planer
tools, the heavy knives used by curriers in
splitting sides of leather, grinding straight
and spiral-tooth rotary cutters, drills, fluted
reamers, taps, dies, tools for cutting mold-
ings, chisels, gouges, planer knives, paper-
cutting knives and the blades of scissors
and fine pocket cutlery. In addition to these
uses, the emery wheel, mounted on a frame
adapted to the purpose and furnished with
the proper appliances, may be used in place
of a planer, pillar shaper or milling ma-
chine for finishing, from the forge, gibs
and keys and other articles requiring a
perfectly plane surface. The depth of the
cut of the wheel's surface can be as ac-
curately gauged and determined as that of a
steel cutter. A soft emery wheel—one on
which the emery is secured to an elastic
surface like leather—is sometimes used to
draw the temper of small hardened steel
articles. In home-made or dressed wheels of
wood or leather or of hide, the emery is
secured to the surface by means of hot glue,
or by a solution of gum shellac in alcohol;
but in most solid wheels the entire wheel
is composed of emery, the particles being
held in place by some substance as a matrix,
and cohesion and solidity being assured by
immense pressure by means of the screw or
hydraulic press. The material used to co-
here the particles of emery varies with dif-
ferent manufacturers, and in some cases it is
held as a trade secret; but combinations of
glue, lac, caoutchouc and similar substances,
with modifying ingredients, are employed.
The composition of gum camphor and gum
cotton, known as celluloid, is also used, the
claim being made that this composition out-
lasts others and does not so readily glaze.

When an emery wheel glazes it must be
turned. This at first sight seems to be a
difficult job, as the emery is so hard that
it is used for working almost all the
precious stones except the diamond; and
the diamond, in one of its forms, is the
very material used for razing the emery
wheel. The variety used is the massive
diamond known as "bort," or black dia-
mond, such as is used in the diamond
saw and diamond drill. One of these dia-
monds is fixed in the end of a piece of
steel, as is the glazier's diamond, and held
against the rotating emery wheel in the
same way as a turner's chisel, gouge or
hand tool. One variety of the solid emery
wheel—the vulcanite—does not require the
diamond tool, but is turned—or rather,
trued—either with a red-hot iron or an ordi-
nary turning tool, the surface of the wheel
being warmed by a gas jet or spirit lamp as
the wheel rotates.

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mings, of this city, who have the contract for
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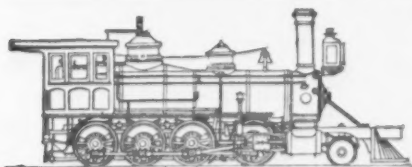
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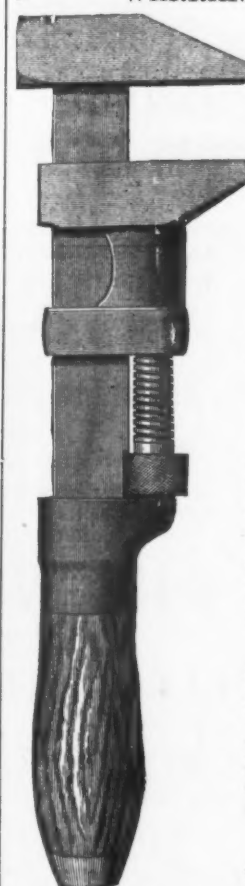
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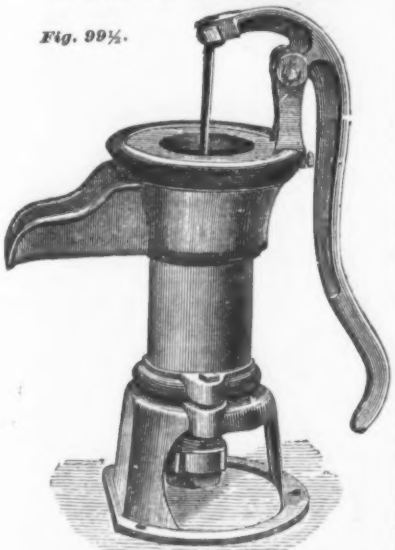
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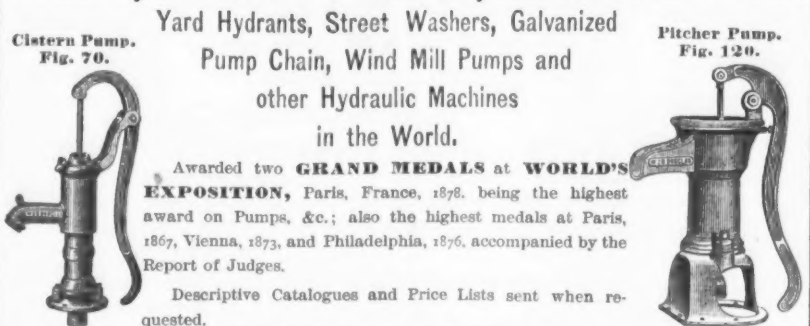


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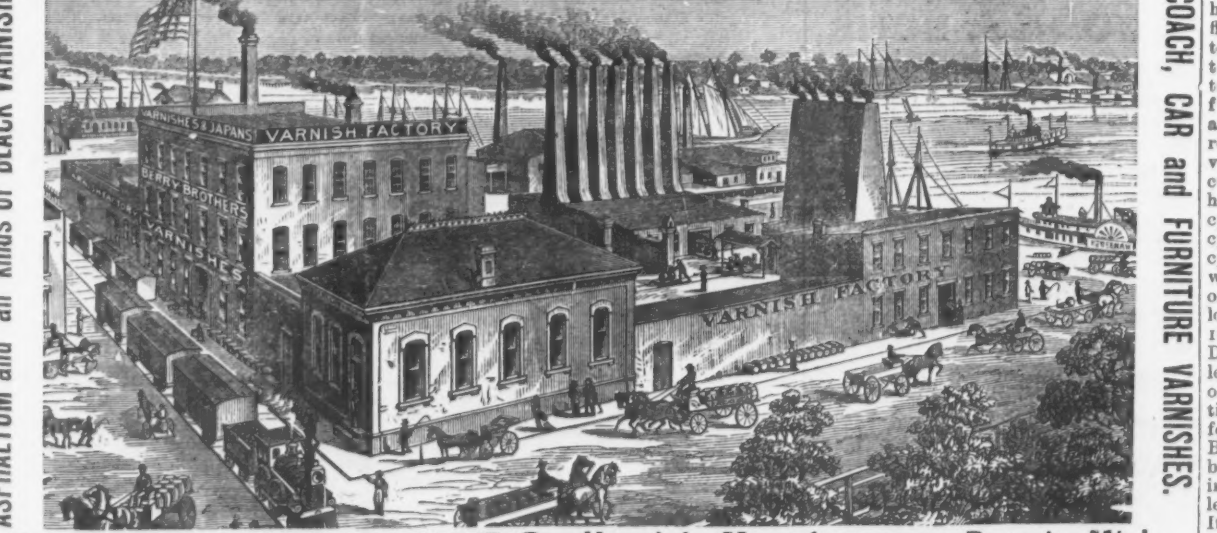
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The Manufacture of Spiegeleisen in Germany.

Following a description given by Herr Hartmann, of the School of Mines, Mr. Jeans publishes, in his new work on steel, the following data on the materials for and the methods of manufacturing spiegeleisen in the Siegen district, Rhenish Prussia. His account will be of interest as exhibiting the main features of the work in that ancient district, still pre-eminent in its speciality. Comparatively unknown and unappreciated previous to the introduction of the Bessemer process, manganiferous pig iron or spiegeleisen has become a necessity to many steel works, and considerable quantities are imported from abroad into this country. Previous to 1860 all the pig manufactured in the Siegen district was made with charcoal, and it was only after some unsuccessful attempts that its substitution by coke was accomplished, and there are at the present time a number of blast furnaces, each producing daily some 30 tons of this valuable and peculiar pig metal. The iron ores used are of four different kinds.

1. Red hematite, a very pure ore, from the beds existing on the Lahn, a large tributary of the Rhine at Nassau. Of this ore there are two varieties, a harder and compact mineral associated with a calcareous gangue, and a softer and pulverulent hematite. Both varieties are entirely free from sulphur and phosphorus, containing from 3 to 4 per cent. of manganese, a small percentage of alumina, water and silica. The presence of carbonate of lime in the body of the compact ore gives it a peculiar character, and renders it eminently fitted for mixing with other siliceous ores, there being in the ore 50 per cent. of iron and from 10 to 15 per cent. carbonate of lime. This ore is very economic in smelting, owing to the presence of lime flux in the most favorable conditions. The soft pulverulent ore is richer, yielding 55 to 58 per cent. of metallic iron in the practical working of the furnace. Both kinds are easily reduced. 2. The products from decomposition of the specular ore—the German "Brauneisenstein"—has a similar favorable constitution, and is equally free from obnoxious metalloids. It contains some water chemically combined (2 Fe, O₃, 3 H O), is porous in structure, yields 50 to 54 per cent. of iron, and is more easily reduced than any other ore. 3. Excellent spathic iron ore from the vicinity of Müsen (Stahlberg), in which a certain proportional part of the iron—from 8 to 14 per cent.—is replaced by manganese. All the spathic ores (Fe O, CO₂) contain a trace of sulphur, and therefore require calcination. The latter is effected in kilns of special construction. In these roasting furnaces, by distributing it in alternate layers with waste coal, the ore is rendered porous, and is easily broken into small pieces, whereby it is more readily acted upon in the smelting furnace. The chemical constitution of the ore in the crude state is MnO, CO₂ + 4 Fe O, CO₂ = oxide of iron 49.01; oxide of manganese, 12.43; carbonic acid, 38.56. The oxide of iron represents 37.85 per cent. of metallic iron. By the calcining process the ore is changed into sesquioxide of iron 81.89 (representing 56.78 metallic iron), and sesquioxide of manganese 18.11 per cent. 4. An aluminous ore, used for admixture with the others, to make a good-natured slag. These deposits of ore are from 80 to 100 miles distant from the works, and are easily accessible by navigation and by rail. To convey the ores from Nassau to the iron manufacturing center involves a navigation of 75 miles at a cost of about 5/ per ton, in addition to dockage and transfer from the docks on the Rhine, making the entire cost of the ore (including purchase money) about 14/ per ton in 1872. The flux used is a very pure carbonate of lime, obtained in the vicinity of the iron works from the borders of a small creek, the Düssell, the constituents of which are—carbonate of lime 98.00; silica, 1.50; hygroscopic water, 0.50. As a reducing agent coke is used, the bituminous coals being purified prior to their application to the blast furnaces. The coals are from the vicinity of the iron works, and the ores are brought thither, for it is always cheaper to bring the iron ores to the coal than the coal to the ores. They contain a good deal of slate, and from 5 to 1 per cent. of sulphur; and to eliminate these, they are subjected to a very careful process of grinding (to the size of a hazel nut) and separating by means of water. Having been subjected to this process the coals are coked in close furnaces of the Franzos' system, the charge of each furnace of 120 scheffel (bushels) covering the bottom of the furnace to a height of 18 or 20 inches. The coking process lasts 36 hours, and furnishes from 57 to 60 per cent. of coke, by weight, of porous cellular character, sufficiently firm to hold up the burden of the furnace, and containing 8 to 10 per cent. of ashes of a reddish white or gray color. The volatile carbonic matter of the coals, after having been used to heat the partitions and floors of the coking furnaces, are sufficient to generate steam. The blast is supplied by two 80-horse horizontal engines, manufactured at the Serning Works, to four blast furnaces; one vertical 100-horse engine and a fifth stove being in reserve. The blast is regulated by being passed through a reservoir 200 feet long and 6 feet diameter—4654 cubic feet. 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may ascend and descend in each pipe. The latter are each from 10 to 12 feet long; the surface exposed to the fire is 2429 square feet, and the cubic contents of the 52 pipes, 460 cubic feet. The dimensions of the blast furnaces, there being two groups of stacks, are:

	No. 1.	No. 2.
	Ft. In.	Ft. In.
Height of furnace	54 0	54 0
Diameter of tunnel head	8 8	9 6
Diameter of boshes	15 2	15 3 1/2
Diameter of hearth, upper end	4 9	3 11 1/2
Diameter of hearth, lower end	4 9	3 10
Height of hearth	6 3	7 9 1/2
Height of boshes	11 9	10 3 1/2
Height of center of tuyeres above bottom	2 5	2 5
Inclination of the boshes	59 0	72 0
Square contents of the mouth	180 0	183 0
Cubic contents of the whole furnace	6395 0	5910 0

The bottom and lower parts of the hearth up to 3 feet above the tuyeres are built with puddlingstone from Marchin, in the Ardennes, Belgium, and for the upper-hearth boshes and tunnel of the furnace, Ardennes fire-clay bricks are used. It must be remembered—for this was what caused so much trouble and meditation to the ironmasters—that spiegeleisen is chemically composed of four parts iron with one part carbon (Fe, C), and that the combination is only formed during the period of the smelting process, which follows immediately after the deoxidation of the iron ores. To fulfill the conditions under which this combination of iron and carbonic matter can take place, it is absolutely necessary that the mixture of ore and flux be of the most fusible nature, so as to allow of the accumulation of the charge—in proportion to a fixed amount of coke—to such a degree that the smelting and separation of the iron from the slag occurs at a point as near as possible to the tuyeres. It is safe to say that this separation, when resulting at a higher place in the hearth, would give too great an opportunity for the carbonic-acid gas to carry off some of the carbonic matter from the iron, charging itself into carbonic oxide and reducing at the same time the constitution of the spiegeleisen (Fe, C) to a lower grade of carbonization. The temperature at which the specular iron melts is calculated to be 3582° F. It is, therefore, found necessary that the charges should be composed of red hematite, 30 per cent.; spathic ore, 38 per cent.; decomposed brown ore, 20 per cent.; and aluminous ore 12 per cent.; yielding 40 to 50 per cent. metallic iron in the practical working of the blast furnace, and to create the needed fusible slag there was added from 32 to 40 per cent. of lime. Each charge consisted of 1860 pounds coke, 2800 to 3200 pounds mixed ore, and 800 to 960 pounds carbonate of lime. The furnace carries 35 to 40 charges in the 24 hours, and yields an average of 60,000 pounds, or 30 tons a day. For 1 ton of pig metal there were used 2 tons of iron ores, nearly 13 cwt. of fluxing materials, and 1 1/4 tons of coke. The blast, with a temperature of 630° to 660° F., is forced into the furnace at a pressure of 2 1/2 to 3 pounds per square inch at the engine, and of 2.2 to 2.6 at the tuyeres. Out of the five tuyeres two are on opposite sides, and one at the rear of the furnace; each one declined a few degrees from the center of the hearth, so as to force the blast air into a kind of whirlwind, which is considered the best way of distributing the compressed air through the smelting and combustible mass.

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Although the promptness with which the English Board of Trade reports of exports are published renders the later returns of imports given by our Bureau of Statistics of less interest, it may be surprising to many to see how exclusively the masses of iron now coming to us are sent by England. Of course, the quantities sent in one month from England and those received here are not equal, the cargoes shipped during the second half of one month being credited to the following one in the statistics of this country. Placed side by side, we have for January and February:

Articles.	Jan.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.
Pig iron	74,484	59,814	56,570	69,651
Iron rails	5,044	6,448	7,941	6,608
Steel rails	4,152	6,068	7,350	6,162
Old scrap	5,679	48,838	24,972	29,529

This table strikingly shows that while the bulk of the manufactures of iron specialized comes from England, we have other sources of supply for old iron and scrap.

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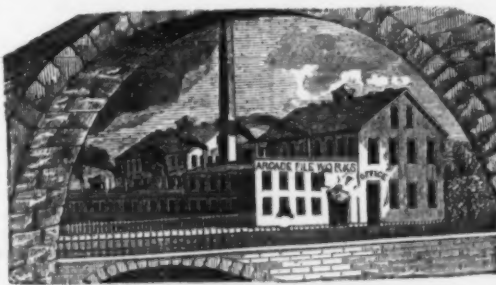
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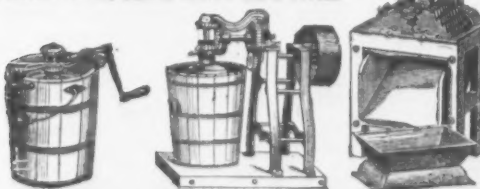

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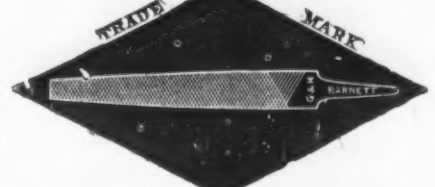
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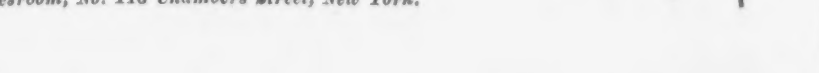
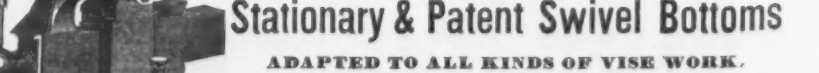
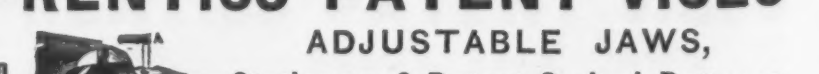
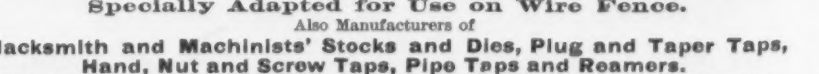
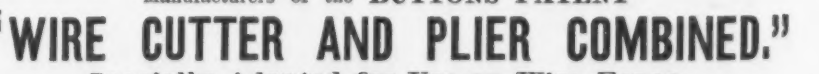
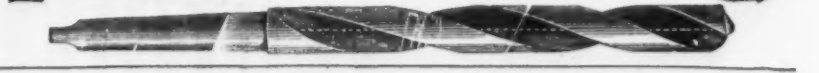
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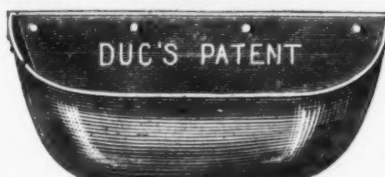
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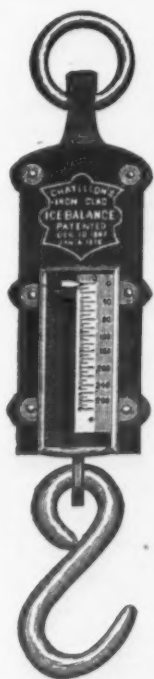
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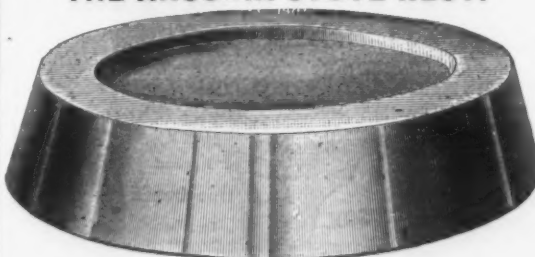


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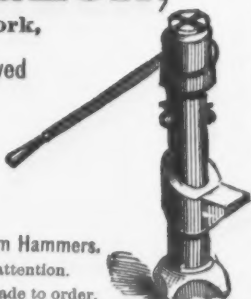
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Steel in Construction.

come the "drilled," the "punched and
annealed," and, lastly, the "cold-punched"
hole. This graduation is well defined in all
three groups. That the reamed hole should
be stronger than the drilled hole I am un-
able to account for.

2. That the injurious effect of punching is
local, and can be entirely removed by en-
larging the hole sufficiently with either drill
or reamer. The amount of drilling or ream-
ing required after punching varies with the
thickness of the plate and the grade of the
steel.

3. That although annealing is in a measure
beneficial in partially restoring strength and
ductility to the punched plate, it will be
hardly found available for bridge work, for,
if you attempt to anneal before riveting,
the holes will not fit; if after riveting, you
create internal strains of which no account
can be taken, and which may subsequently
produce failure. Moreover, with proper
machinery, punching and reaming will
be found much cheaper than "punching
and annealing."

In order to establish next the relative
value of iron and steel rivets, pieces of
steel plate with drilled, reamed and punched
holes were machine riveted, both with iron
and steel rivets. Sections of plate and
rivet were then cut in the planer and after-

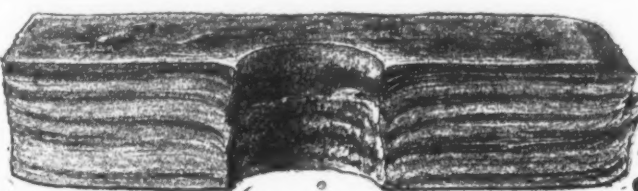
The test results are given below:
VIII.—EXPERIMENT ON 12 INCH RIVETED STEEL
GIRDER.

Weight, 110 pounds per yard.
Effective Area, 8.51 square inches.
Clear Span, 5 feet.

Center Load in lbs.	Deflection in inches.	Increase, inches.	Remarks.
20,000	.0625	...	Released. No set.
30,000	.0937	.0312	
40,000	.1250	.0312	
50,000	.1562	.0312	Released. No set.
60,000	.1875	.0312	
70,000	.2187	.0312	
80,000	.2500	.0312	Released. No set.
90,000	.2812	.0312	
100,000	.3125	.0312	
110,000	.3437	.0312	Released. Set, .0625
120,000	.3750	.0312	
130,000	.4062	.0312	
140,000	.4375	.0312	Released. Set, .2500
150,000	.4687	.0312	Released. Set, .5000
160,000	.5000	.0312	Load remaining. Side deflection begins. Re- leased after 20 min. Set, .50.

Comparing the results obtained from this
beam with the standard loads adopted for
rolled iron beams, it will be readily seen
that more than double the weight of iron
similarly disposed would be required to ob-
tain a like result.

If these hurriedly recited experiments



Iron Plate with Punched Hole and Sheared Edges.

ward treated with acids. The photograph
of these sections which are now before you
shows very plainly:

1. That upsetting affects iron far more in-
jurious than it does steel, and that, there-
fore, the iron rivet, irrespective of its
lesser resistance to shear, is, *per se*, the
weakest.

2. That the punched hole cannot be filled
by either iron rivet or steel rivet.

3. That the reamed hole is the one most
completely filled by both the iron and steel
rivet. From these facts, and some tests
made upon the resistance of rivet iron to
shear, and which gave me invariably smaller
results for the same iron when sheared in
steel plates than when sheared in iron
plates, it will be safe to conclude that iron
rivets should not find a place in steel con-
struction, except in those rare cases where
hand riveting is unavoidable, as it is never
safe to employ this latter method of rivet-
ing on steel rivets. A section of an iron
plate sheared on the edges and with a punch-
hole in the center was cut in the planer and
also treated with acid, which brought out the
severe distortion the fibers undergo in these
operations.

In conclusion, permit me to lay before
you a transverse test of a riveted steel beam.
The composition of the girder was as fol-
lows, viz.:

Web, 0.50 C. rolled steel plate, 3-16 x 12
inches.

Flanges, 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 x 5-16 inch steel angles,
and 3-16 x 5 1/2 inch top and bottom plates.

Rivet holes drilled 9-16ths of an inch di-
ameter.

Rivets, one-half inch diameter; pitch, 4 1/2
inches.

Effective depth, 12 inches; effective area,
8.51 square inches.

Clear span between supports, 5 feet.

The girder was put into the press without
side supports, and the load applied in the
center.

TABLE I.—SPECIMEN TESTS OF BAR ENDS, 30 INCHES LONG, DESIGNED FOR EYE BARS.

Mark and Carbon.	Tensile stress per square inch at		Averages.		Stretch per cent.		Reduction of area, per cent.	
	Elast. lim.	Rupture.	Elast. lim.	Ultimate	Ech. Average.		Each.	Average.
1	55,712	94,760	55,635	95,490	15.1	14.3	30.	28.6
2	56,000	95,380			12.9		26.	
3	55,120	93,830			15.3		31.	
4	55,830	96,020			14.5		27.	
5	55,512	94,970			13.8		29.	
1	65,790	112,340	65,904	112,650	10.8	10.1	19.	19.6
2	66,040	112,470			8.9		16.	
3	66,160	111,980			10.9		22.	
4	65,550	113,320			10.9		21.	
5	65,980	113,040			9.4		20.	

II.—EXPERIMENTS MADE ON O. H. STEEL EYE BARS MANUFACTURED BY DIFFERENT PROCESSES.

Mark.	Carbon Percentage.	Dimensions of			Mode of manu- facture.	Tensile stress per square inch in lbs. at		Stretch Percentage.	Reduction of area, per cent.
		Stem.	Head.	Pin-hole.		Elastic limit.	Rupture.		
Bt.....	0.30				Upset.	54,026	97,400	8.2	44.
Bz.....	0.30				Upset.	54,113	94,590	9.2	46.
Bj.....	0.30				Upset.	54,113	89,330	7.0	42.
Ft.....	0.30	3 in. x 3/4 in. x 10 ft.	1 1/2 in. x 3/4 in. across eye.	3/8 in. diameter.	Roll.	51,762	92,672	8.2	0.0
Fz.....	0.30				Roll.	54,065	91,570	9.3	29.
Fj.....	0.30				Roll.	52,518	94,780	11.8	40.
At.....	0.30				Weld.	58,473	69,140	2.0	
Az.....	0.30				Weld.	56,050	63,000	2.6	
Aj.....	0.30				Weld.	55,310	69,400	2.2	

FRACURES.—Specimens Bt, Bz and Bj, broke 1 1/2", 4 3/4" and 1 8 1/4" from pin-hole respectively,
the fracture being fine, silky and wedge-shaped. Similar characteristics were noted in Ft and Fz, the
distance of the fracture from the pin-hole being 5 1/2" and 2 1/2". Ft broke in the head into three
pieces, and showed the effect of overheating; fracture coarse and granular. At, Az and Aj broke
in stem, close to neck, 3 1/4", 5 1/2" and 5 1/2" from pin-hole; fracture close grained, 50 per cent. granular,
and showing effect of welding heat. Weld in head perfect in all three, but defective at junction of
stem and neck on account of welding pieces being too small.

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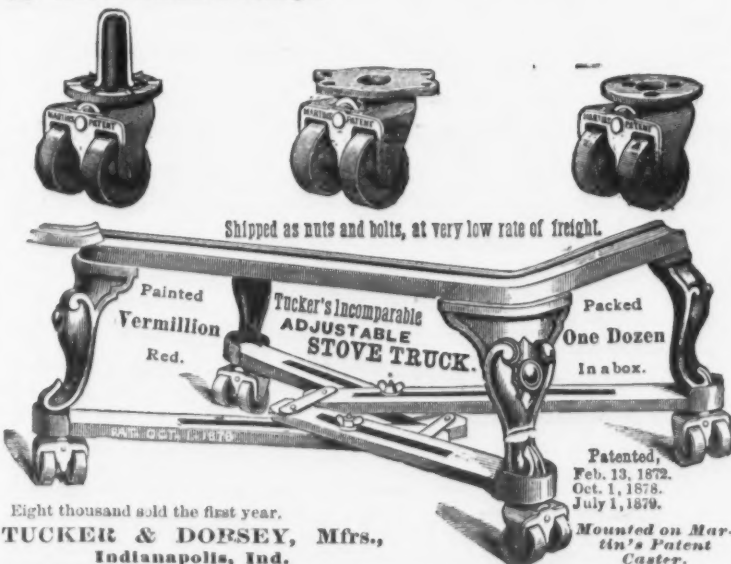
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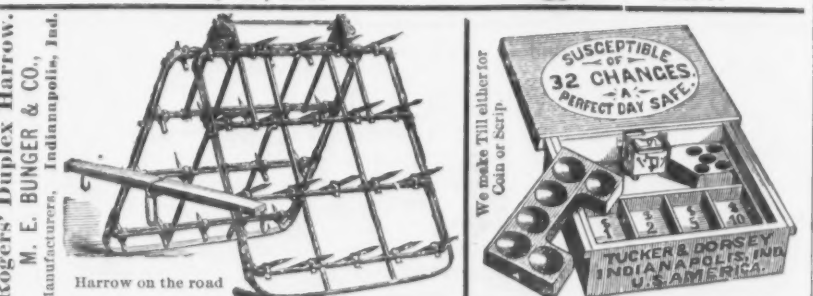
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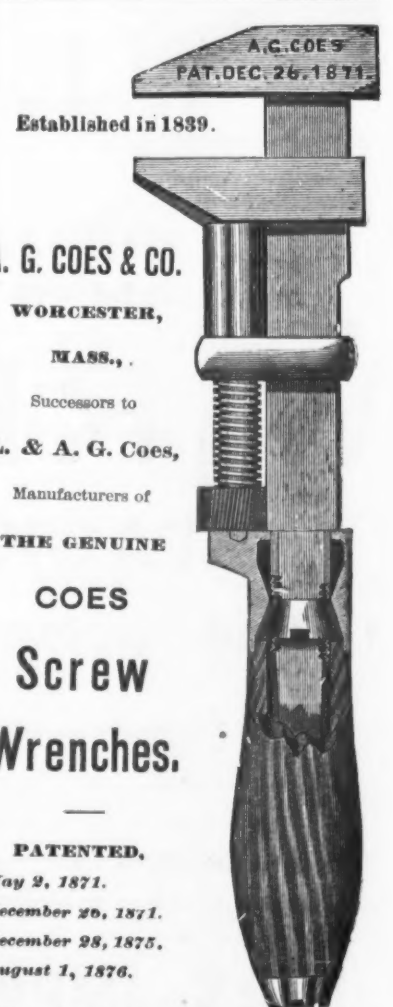
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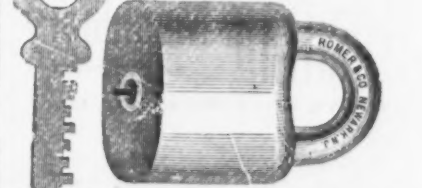
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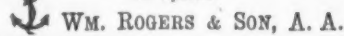
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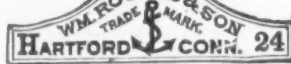


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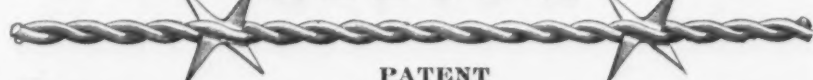
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			Elastic limit.	Rupture.		
P.1.	0.30	1/2 in. x 12 in. x 6 ft. long, tested as came from rolls; crop ends 1/2 in. between jaws of machine.	43,260	79,120	19.3	Fractures fine and silky.
P.2.	0.30		44,840	77,840		
P.3.	0.30		45,110	78,390		
P.4.	0.30		43,990	77,070		
P.5.	0.30		44,720	78,280		
R.1.	0.40	1/2 in. x 12 in. x 6 ft. long, tested as came from rolls; crop ends 1/2 in. between jaws of machine.	51,620	81,900	13.9	Fractures very fine, less reduction of area.
R.2.	0.40		50,980	81,720		
R.3.	0.40		51,260	83,730		
R.4.	0.40		51,100	81,810		
R.5.	0.40		50,800	83,130		
V.1.	0.50	1/2 in. x 12 in. x 6 ft. long, tested as came from rolls; crop ends 1/2 in. between jaws of machine.	58,950	85,790	10.5	Fractures good; slightly granular on edges.
V.2.	0.50		59,200	85,220		
V.3.	0.50		58,540	85,560		
V.4.	0.50		58,880	86,000		
V.5.	0.50		59,130	86,330		

TABLE IV.

Carbon.—Per cent.	Dimensions of Rolled Steel Plate.	Specimen therefrom.	Ratio of Thickness to width in Test Pieces.	Number of Specimens.					
				Cut in Planer.		Sheared.		Punched.	
				In direction of rolling.	Across.	In direction of rolling.	Across.	In direction of rolling.	Across.
0.30	1/2 in. thick by 18 in. wide	1/2 x 1 1/2 x 18 in.	50%	3*	3	3	3	3	3
0.40	1/2 in. thick by 15 in. wide	1/2 x 1 1/2 x 15 in.	33%	3	3	3	3	3	3
0.50	3/16 in. thick by 12 in. wide	3/16 x 1 1/2 x 12 in.	18%	3	3	3	3	3	3

* Each group of three specimens was obtained by taking one piece from each end of the plate and one from the middle.

V.—AVERAGE RESISTANCE OF O. H. STEEL PLATES TO TENSILE STRESS IN POUNDS PER SQUARE INCH OF SECTION.

Carbon.—Per cent.	Lengthwise.			Crosswise.		
	Elastic limit.	Ultimate.	Elongation Per cent.	Elastic limit.	Ultimate.	Elongation Per cent.
0.30	49,353	93,339	16	49,510	95,453	18
0.40	63,227	86,410	14	63,793	87,780	16
0.50	65,070	83,190	10	65,300	84,995	15

VI.—COMPARATIVE RESULTS OF THE EFFECTS OF SHEARING, PUNCHING, ANNEALING AND TEMPERING STEEL PLATE.

Carbon.—Per cent.	Treatment of specimen.	Average resistance of O. H. steel plates to tensile stress per square inch of section.				
		Elastic limit. Lbs.	Difference. Per cent.	Ultimate. Lbs.	Difference. Per cent.	Elongation. Per cent.
0.30	Cut in planer.	49,431	—	94,396	—	17.
0.30	Sheared.	32,370	— 35	74,950	— 20	10.
0.30	Punched.	0.0	— 100	63,410	— 33	0.45
0.30	Punched and annealed.	0.0	— 100	87,540	— 8	0.55
0.30	Punched, hammered and annealed.	55,780	+ 12	102,410	+ 6	7.5
0.40	Cut in planer.	63,475	—	87,095	—	15.
0.40	Sheared.	46,960	— 28	74,330	— 14	7.
0.40	Punched.	0.0	— 100	28,890	— 20	5.
0.40	Sheared and annealed.	59,350	— 7	86,160	— 1	10.
0.40	Punched and tempered.	52,780	— 17	103,560	+ 19	7.
0.50	Cut in planer.	65,185	—	84,092	—	12.5
0.50	Sheared.	51,660	— 29	79,000	— 6	5.
0.50	Punched.	0.0	— 100	78,400	— 7	4.
0.50	Sheared and tempered.	63,375	— 8	87,293	+ 4	17.
0.50	Punched and annealed.	57,960	— 12	84,920	0.0	12.

* These two results are not averages, but were obtained from single tests.

VII.—EXPERIMENTS ON O. H. STEEL PLATES WITH DRILLED, PUNCHED AND REAMED, PUNCHED AND A NEALED, AND COLD PUNCHED HOLES.

Carbon. Per cent.	Plate specimen.	Description of Hole.	Av. ult. tens. str. in lbs. per sq. in. of effective service.	Per cent. elongation of hole.
0.30	1/2-inch rolled plate, cut in planer on all edges. Strips, 2 1/2 inches wide, 18 inches long.	Drilled, 1-in. diameter.	98,466	22.
0.30		Punched, 0.935-in. diam.	100,700	20.
0.30		Reamed to 1.1-in. diam.	78,970	21.
0.30		Punched and annealed, 0.935-in. diam.	66,168	3.3
0.40	1/2-inch rolled plate, cut as above. Strips, 1 1/2 inches wide, 15 inches long.	Drilled, 0.6-in. diameter.	99,747	15.6
0.40		Punched, 0.5-in. diam.	104,253	19.
0.40		Reamed to 0.62-in. diam.	87,910	18.9
0.40		Punched, 0.62-in. diameter.	80,570	5.
0.50	3/16-inch rolled plate, cut as above. Strips, 1-inch wide, 12 inches long.	Drilled, 0.4-in. diameter.	86,963	29.
0.50		Punched, 0.4-in. diam.	89,043	26.
0.50		Reamed to 0.45-in. diam.	84,951	31.
0.50		Punched, 0.45-in. diameter.	82,330	15.

The British Iron Trade.

The London Times, in its issue of April 14th, comments as follows on the condition and prospects of the British Iron Trade:

Those who are concerned in the production and consumption of iron are not a little perplexed by the downward tendency of prices, and by the slackening of the American demand, which was confidently expected to keep up at least throughout the whole of the present year. The outlook, indeed, is full of uncertainty, and naturally enough much anxiety is manifested to gauge it aright, and so anticipate the requirements of the future. The revival of industry on this side of the Atlantic has been largely due to the demands from the other side, and it is believed in many well-informed quarters that those demands will not materially decline for at least six or eight months to come. But the latest aspects presented by the American market are by no means reassuring to English industrialists. The official organ of the American Iron and Steel Association, in a recent issue, set forth that after the 1st of the present month America would be "equal to supplying her own demands in all lines;" that "in bars, plates, sheets, hoops, nails, agricultural and other steel, and pig iron the demand from all sources is practically already met;" and that many furnaces that were idle during the period of depression have already been got to work, while others are preparing to follow. The most that the Americans lead us to expect is that they may during the present year take from us about 100,000 tons of railway iron, toward completing the 1,500,000 tons which they reckon on using in the renewal of their existing railway system of 83,000 miles, and

in laying about 7000 miles of new track. This, however, would only be a drop in the bucket compared with the consumption for which the iron and steel manufacturers of this country are preparing and hoping.

The unemployed resources for the production of iron brought into operation within the last six months, are probably greater than have ever before been called into use within a similarly short period. In America the number of furnaces blown in between July and December last is ascertained by The Iron Age to have been 127, bringing up the total number in use to 384, or a larger number than was found working at any time during the preceding seven years. These 384 furnaces are equal to producing 4,250,000 tons of pig iron per annum, which is nearly 1,500,000 tons more than America has yet produced in any one year. But this is by no means the maximum production of which America is capable, for 293 furnaces were out of blast at the same time that these 384 were in operation, so that a formidable reserve is still available. When we add that America has never yet consumed much over 3,000,000 tons of pig iron in any one year, it will at once appear that her present ratio of production is likely to be fully abreast of all her own requirements. It is true that during the last three months the United States have taken a great deal of pig iron from England, but much of that iron was intended to meet a demand that was more speculative than *bona fide*, and this to some extent accounts for the depreciation of value recently witnessed.

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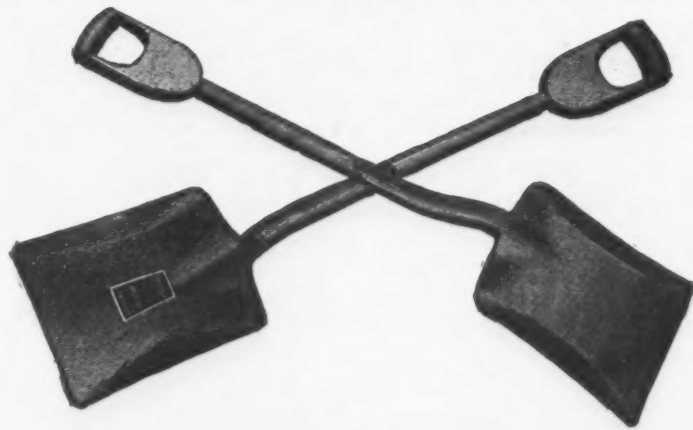
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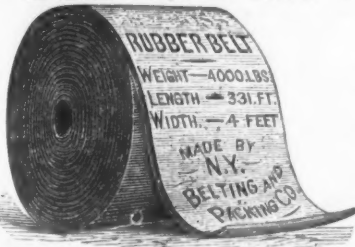
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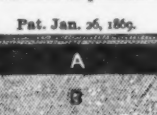
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141 furnaces are equal to producing 2,099,600 tons of pig iron per annum—a quantity exceeding the whole annual production of France, and almost equal to that of Germany. Cleveland alone is now turning out pig iron at the rate of 2,270,800 tons a year, equal to an increase of more than 250,000 tons on the production of 1879. When we add the increased ratio of production in England and America together, we find that they aggregate about 3,500,000 tons. No such increase as this has ever before occurred. It is calculated that between 1871 and 1872 the production of pig iron throughout the world increased from 12,565,000 to 14,445,000 tons, but of this increase Great Britain only contributed 114,000 tons, and the United States 740,000 tons, the remainder having been supplied by Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium, France, &c. All of these countries, as well as our own, have now been stimulated by the prospect of remunerative prices to develop their production, and, although there are not available for them, the same exact figures as those quoted for the United States and England, it is sufficiently well known that the increased resources brought into operation have been very considerable. Bearing all this in mind, it need excite no surprise if the decline that has recently taken place in the price of iron should not only continue, but proceed in an accelerated ratio. Should

works of the Downer Company, at South Boston. Of course such works, under the most careful direction, often take fire. If a fire occurs there, in a minute the doors are shut and steam turned into the building from the outside. In from one to three minutes that portion of the building is crowded with steam and the fire is out, when at its leisure the steam is allowed to escape, and the men go to their work again. One of the neighboring business men took quite an interest in this new way of getting rid of the dangerous element, and as the steam smothered out one fire after another, he became so excited as almost to wish that the fire would for once come off the conqueror. Hearing one day an unusual noise in that direction, he looked up and saw one of the buildings wholly enveloped in flames. "There!" said he, "now they will catch it!" and off he went, pell-mell, to get around to the front and witness the destruction. On his way he had to run a few rods out of sight of the fire. His last look showed no diminution of the flames; but when, after a run of ten rods, he came in full view, the steam had been turned on, and, to his unbounded astonishment, not the slightest sign of fire could be seen! It would be very easy to bring about this much-needed change, as when application was made for using steam power in a proper place, it could be granted on condition that the parties should



MORRILL'S SAW SET.—Fig. 1.—MANNER OF USING THE SET.

the present rate of production be maintained, it is difficult to understand where a market is to be found for so much iron. The analogy of past experience does not guide us to a satisfactory conclusion on this question, because the high prices of 1871-72 induced several countries that were formerly among our best customers to increase very largely their means of production. English enterprise, of course, is constantly seeking for and opening out fresh markets; but even if these markets should fully repair the deficiencies of demand in the case of older customers, and thus prevent any absolute decline of our production, it is not to be expected that they will call for the enormous balance now being created in favor of supply. Overproduction, in short, is again threatened. Such a result was almost inevitable from the large producing plant inaugurated when the revival set in, and from the suddenness with which prices were increased. Of the 950 furnaces erected in Great Britain, only 458 were in operation during October last, so that 492 furnaces were unproductive. Ironmasters had great, and perhaps irresistible, inducements to call this costly and idle plant into activity when they saw hematite iron increase 150 per cent., Scotch pig iron 70 per cent., Cleveland iron 6 1/2 per cent. and Lincolnshire iron 76 1/2 per cent. within three months. That these advances have not been maintained is, of course, due to the fact that more and more iron has been thrown upon the market, until something almost approaching a glut has been produced. At the present time, however, manufacturers have little reason to complain. They will not suffer much hurt if prices do not fall below their current level, and they will have reason to congratulate themselves if the state of trade continues such as to enable that level to be maintained.

Extinguishing Fires with Steam.

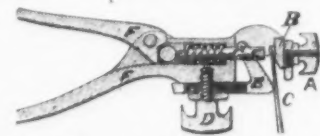
Mr. Joseph Bird, who has given a great deal of attention to the subject of extinguishing fires, has recently written an article to the *Fireman's Journal* on the subject of using steam for this purpose. The success of this method, it seems, has been very marked, and it promises to be of great value in the future. Mr. Bird says:

It is very singular that this improvement has not been made in steam fire engines. That a building on fire, but which has not burned "out" to the air, can be, if not too large, instantly extinguished by steam, and with one-tenth of the loss, especially if filled with merchandise, than it can be by water, is true beyond a doubt. Many of our great warehouses are so large that no one, or perhaps two, steamers could fill them, and thus they would not be saved in this manner, unless brick or iron walls are thrown around the buildings, as is the custom in Liverpool and London. I propose to describe the way the engines would be worked when this steam arrangement will be made, and the steamers altered so as to throw steam as well as water. On arriving at a building on fire, the men would instantly perceive whether water or steam should be used; if water, the arrangement for work would go on as at present. If the fire was confined within the building, the steam-pipe would be got ready, while one man, with the proper-sized auger, bored a hole for the steam-pipe into some door or window near the fire. That is all. Water or steam. Now one, then the other; and the property of the city vastly better protected by it, and at a very slight expense. Steam has often been tried at different times; and as it has been tried under difficulties, it has often failed. These failures were sure to have the widest circulation, while success has often been kept out of sight. All buildings in which steam is used should be prepared so as to extinguish their own fires, which would save a great amount of property to the owners, and often to others. Persons owning such buildings and wishing to prepare them, may learn how simple the manner is by calling to see the kerosene

introduce steam pipes for extinguishing fires. These would soon prove so efficient for that purpose, that all persons owning buildings using steam would find it for their interest to also introduce such pipes. There need be no fear that there will be too many ways to get rid of fires. It is because we have had but one string to our bow, and that sometimes lost for 15 or 20 minutes, that we have so many great fires.

Morrill's Saw Set.

The accompanying illustrations represent a little tool quite recently put upon the market, which, we judge, has more than usual interest for our readers. It is a saw set, working upon principles radically different from those in common use. Fig. 1 shows the manner of using the set, while Fig. 2 shows the construction and operation of the parts. It will be seen that, in its general features, the set resembles a large pair of pliers, save that the handle, instead of operating a jaw, as in pliers, works a punch. The blade of the saw is passed in front of the punch, as shown at C in Fig. 2. By depressing the lever, or handle, F, the punch is driven forward, striking the tooth of the saw, as indicated at B, thus imparting to it whatever set is desired. The amount of set is regulated by the movable guard E, which is held in place wherever it is required by the screw D. The die B is regulated by the screw A in the forward end of the set, in such a manner as to control the angle upon the die. By this means the tool is adapted to use both with fine and coarse saws. It



MORRILL'S SAW SET.—Fig. 2.—CONSTRUCTION OF THE TOOL.

is claimed by the manufacturer, Mr. Asa Farr, whose office is at No. 136 Chambers street, New York, that this set has been tested, and is in constant use by more than 1000 leading mechanics in this city and vicinity. The inventor offers this tool as the result of over 30 years' practical experience in the use of saws and saw sets. He contends, with great reason, that there is no saw which does not require setting, however scientifically it may be made. Saws, by constant use, wear on the side of the teeth at the points, thus causing friction, which is only overcome by frequent filing. This consumes time and files and causes a constant wear on the saw, producing the liability of rucking. He claims that with the proper use of the set represented in the accompanying engravings, saws need not be filed more than once where they are ordinarily filed three times. Saw teeth should be set or pressed into line wherever they bind, and this set corrects the faults of too much set in places, and also imparts a uniform set to new saws. By giving careful attention to the matter of set, &c., the mechanic is able to do his work better, with more ease, and with greater rapidity than otherwise. Besides this there is a saving of files, and a reduction in the wear and tear of his saw. The set as manufactured is adapted to all kinds of saws in general use, including band and scroll saws, and, as will be readily seen by examining the illustrations, can be made to operate with the accuracy and precision of a die. The opening at the top permits the operator to observe the action of the punch on each tooth, and to determine when the tool is in correct position.

A series of fires have destroyed a large number of wells, oil tanks, &c., at Row City, Borden, Culver, near Gillmore, Duke Center and other localities in the Bradford oil region. There were probably three fires at least of independent origin. The loss is said to be very heavy.

"fallen into dislike among the consumers, "he flings it into the limbo it should never "have come from and adopts another."

Another correspondent of the *Ironmonger*, whose letter appears in the issue of the 10th, makes the astounding statement that there are more than 1500 private brands in common use at the present time. Private brands in use in this country are undoubtedly far less numerous than this statement would indicate, but still there are enough of them to make the trade a blind one for whoever has purchases to make. The *Ironmonger*, in its editorial comments upon the latter letter, says: "The more thoroughly "the intricate and involved question of "private brands of tin plates is examined "and investigated, the greater appears to "be its importance. For several weeks "past our correspondence columns have "contained letters bearing upon this subject, "and we think we may venture the assertion "that not one of them has been penned in "vain, but rather that each writer has done "something toward placing the matter on a "better and fairer footing. That there are "still many points involved in obscurity is "clear, but we hope to have these laid bare as "we go on, and to so place the branding ques- "tion before our readers as to leave no room "in the future for doubt or the 'opacity of "dishonesty."

We shall use every endeavor to keep our readers thoroughly informed upon the discussion of this subject. Its importance cannot be overrated. It is one which underlies the very foundation of one of the most important trades in this country. Private brands are an abuse which has grown up and been tolerated by men who would not stoop to ordinary forms of dishonesty. The time has come when the practice must be rooted out and thoroughly exterminated.

The blame does not lie entirely with manufacturers, importers and wholesale dealers. The desire for goods at still cheaper and cheaper prices expressed by those who buy tin plates for use, was the original temptation which led respectable merchants into the position in which they now find themselves. Accordingly, reform, by right, should commence with the small dealers, as well as among wholesalers. Let every dealer from this time forth, in ordering tin plate, order exclusively well-known makers' brands and discriminate against private brands. Give the supply houses every possible encouragement to deal in honest goods. Thus shall a genuine reform be commenced which, like a little leaven, shall leaven the whole lump.

The Sliding Scale in Iron Mills.

The heavy reductions in labor in the West consequent upon the action of the sliding scales, bring into prominence one of the evil effects of such scales. If they increase wages, they decrease them just as rapidly. It is doubtless very pleasant to have boiling jump from \$5 to \$7.25 in a few months, but it is not nearly so pleasant to have it decline to \$5 again in so short a time. The violent fluctuations of the past year are exceptional, of course; but the very fact that sliding scales exist which raise and lower wages, is an argument against a rapid advance and in favor of bringing the card down at once to the selling price; and so long as these scales remain in force it must be expected that manufacturers will not long keep the card above the quotations of the open market. Of course, while this is an argument against such scales, there are many others in favor of them, and there is no doubt that sliding scales on a proper basis and with a reasonable percentage of advance, are of great value to both employers and employed. The objections will lie mainly against scales in which the basis is too high and the percentage of advance too great. For comparison we give below the prices which the scales in effect at Pittsburgh call for on the 2½ and 4-cent cards. With the exception of the guide mill scales, no provision is made for a price when the card is below 2½ cents:

The price for	3½ cent card.	4 cent card.
Boiling.....	\$5.00	\$7.25
Busheling on cinder.....	2.50	3.60%
Scraping piles on board.....	2.00	3.60
Knobbing scrap.....	4.70	6.12
Knobbing refined iron.....	6.11	7.85
Knobbing pig.....	7.39	9.86
Muckrolling.....	6.2½	9.95%
Bar heating.....	.65	.97
Bar rolling.....	.65	.97
Roll plate heating.....	.65	.97
Roll plate rolling.....	.55	.87
Guide rolling.....	.40%	.67
Shingling muck.....	.75	1.01
Shingling charcoal iron.....	.82½	1.11
Heating and shingling slabs and doubling.....	.75	1.10
Steel rolling.....	.50%	1.10
Plate rolling, No. 9 and heavier.....	.80	1.17

* Off list. + Added to list.

In connection with the returns of blast furnaces, which we have published quarterly for some years past, we have several times remarked the greater readiness of the coke furnaces of the country to accommodate themselves to changes in the market. After the panic of 1873 these furnaces went out of blast more readily than the anthracite furnaces; the production of coke irons was reduced more rapidly than that of anthracite, and it took several years for the proportion of anthracite furnaces in blast to those out of blast to reach the figures shown in the statistics of the bituminous furnaces. The present reaction in iron shows this still more clearly. The coke furnaces are accommodating themselves to the light demand and are blowing out. We have reports of

sixteen furnaces out of blast in the immediate vicinity of Pittsburgh, and our list is undoubtedly imperfect. The capacity of these furnaces and their actual make, under ordinary conditions, is about 6000 tons. If the present condition of the iron market continues, others will blow out.

The radical action of the Western Iron Association, at its meeting on the 5th inst., in reducing the card from 3.2 to 2½ cents, has already been noted in our trade report of last week. The reason for this reduction seems to have been that the previous reduction from 4 to 3.2 cents was not sufficient to stimulate trade and to meet the prices made by speculators and jobbers. There was also a belief abroad among buyers that 3.2 cents was not the lowest point. In fact, iron was being offered below 3.2 cents, and the 2½-cent card was necessary to get down to where it was being offered. The effect of the reduction has not yet been made manifest. The mills in the West that have been idle do not seem anxious to start up; blast furnaces are going out of blast, and as yet the reduction seems to have failed to stimulate trade to any extent. The fluctuations in the iron card from the lowest point reached during the panic are as follows:

April 4, 1877.....	\$1.75
April 18, 1877.....	2.00
August 28, 1879.....	2.50
September 29, 1879.....	3.00
January 5, 1880.....	3.50
February 2, 1880.....	4.00
April 8, 1880.....	3.25
May 10, 1880.....	2.50

The flint and lime glass manufacturers of the country have decided to hold a meeting in Philadelphia on the 10th inst. It is understood that the question of labor will be chiefly discussed, in the hope that an understanding can be arrived at which will make strikes less formidable. Other topics for consideration will be the best modes of sustaining prices and keeping production within the limit of the legitimate requirements of trade. Trade meetings of this kind, if called with a proper object in view, are of benefit to any industry. They lead to better understanding between competing firms and sections, and promote a harmony of action which is always favorable to stability of values and a judicious regulation of production.

The three tariff bills reported by Mr. Tucker, from the Committee on Ways and Means, on Tuesday, do not have so good a send-off as those who are anxious to promote any legislation which will tend to break down protection to American industry could have wished. As to the sugar and general tariff bills, it is evident they were reported by consent of several members of the committee who reserve the right to vigorously oppose them on the floor of the House. Their chances of passing are, in any event, unusually small, we think. Concerning the hoop iron bill, General Garfield submits a minority report, in which he holds it up in its true light. To accommodate the Standard Oil Company, it is proposed to ruin an important American industry, and in so doing to make an invidious distinction against hoops and hoop iron which is as unjust as it is uncalled for. General Garfield makes some telling points against the hoop iron bill, and it is to be hoped that the minority report will kill it.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

SPON'S DICTIONARY OF ENGINEERING SUPPLEMENT. Parts 7 to 10, both inclusive. E. & F. N. Spon, London and New York, publishers.

A number of additional parts of Spon's Supplement have been published, bearing out fully the promise of the earlier numbers, to which we had occasion to direct the attention of the readers of *The Iron Age* some time since. Among the subjects treated fully in the present volumes are coal mining machinery, notably coal cutters and coal-getting apparatus, and the very important question of automatic wire rope traction in collieries is referred to, together with many kindred topics. Then a number of illustrations showing the constructive details of coke ovens, among which are the Giers oven, used in the North of England; the Appolt, employed largely on the Continent; the Eaton and the Goblet, the Coppée, the Galloway and others. We are somewhat surprised to find the Holloway process so elaborately treated under the head of "Copper," while there is no mention of many well tried and meritorious improvements made during the last few years in the metallurgy of that metal. Exhaustive essays are given on docks and dredging, followed by 20 pages of closely printed and fully illustrated matter on dynamo electric and magneto-electric machines, which will be welcomed by many as a timely and interesting addition to their store of technical literature, as it covers a ground which many engineers have been forced in recent times to survey—a work which has no doubt presented peculiar difficulties. The eighth part is closed by a review of recent progress in the construction of dynamometers, while the whole of the ninth part and a portion of the one following is given to "Electrical Engineering," a branch of the profession which is rapidly assuming a position of equality in importance with that of others. Grouped together under the head of "Engines" are a large number of those designs of machinery which depart more or less from the conventional type. Among them we note the Myers, the Gallahue, Massey, Outridge, Brotherhood, William and West engines, with many of which the readers of *The Iron Age* are familiar. The editor has made room also for the Brown, Rider, and Otto and Hock gas engines, and their latest competitor, as far as low powers are concerned, the Bischoff engine. After brief chapters on "Explosions" and "Fans,"

follows a long essay on "Founding," which is not brought to a close in Part 10, the last one that has reached us. Probably one-half of the work is now before us, and its editors have succeeded in fully showing that it will be indispensable to all who possess the main dictionary, and that it deserves appreciation as a work by itself.

MULTIPLICATION AND DIVISION TABLE. By Leonard Waldo. John Wiley & Sons, publishers, New York.

For the benefit of accountants, bookkeepers, teachers and others, Mr. Waldo has compiled a number of tables, covering four large pages, in which all the multiples of figures between 1 and 100 are given. The printing and setting of these tables are admirable, and present the means for very rapidly reaching the results desired. For some, however, we fear the size will prove inconvenient.

The Canadian Tariff and the Hardware Trade.

A correspondent of the *Ironmonger*, London, writing from this country, gives the following account of the working of the Canadian tariff in the hardware trade:

The Canadian tariff is not working smoothly, and in the measures adopted by the government for its enforcement great injustice is done importers, especially those doing business with the United States. A few days ago an important meeting of Canadian dealers in hardware and plated goods was held in Toronto, and similar meetings have since been held in other cities. The object of these meetings was to protest against the arbitrary and often seriously unjust policy of the customs authorities in the valuation of imports. For example, a Canadian merchant of average standing buys a bill of goods in the United States and brings them to Canada for entry. We are presuming, of course, that he is doing business honestly and wants to pay his duties fairly. The duty on the goods in question is ad valorem—say, 30 per cent. His invoice shows that he purchased them at, say, 45 per cent. discount from the American list. The Canadian appraisers look at *The Iron Age* and find that the discount there quoted on the goods in question is, say, 30 per cent. The importer may present unquestionable proof, not only that he bought the goods at the price shown on his invoice, but that any other Canadian dealer can buy like goods at the same price, or possibly a great deal better if he buys largely and has good connections. This, however, counts for nothing. The importer is required to correct his invoice, making the price discount 30 per cent. from list, and pay duty accordingly. Sometimes he is allowed to enter the goods at the invoice valuation, and after he has sold them the customs authorities come after him on the charge of under-valuation, requiring him to correct his invoice and pay a higher rate of duty than was assessed in the first instance. The injustice of this course is apparent to any one acquainted with the hardware trade. The prices quoted in *The Iron Age* are, no doubt, as correct as they can be made, but they represent the price at which the average retail dealer can buy the goods quoted from the manufacturer's agent or the jobber. They are not, and do not claim to be, the best prices at which large buyers favorably situated can buy. But if they did, it would not be fair to make all Canadian invoices square with them. There always has been, and always will be, a special discount on goods for export. The average Canadian dealer who can buy at all can get from 10 to 15 per cent. better terms than the average American dealer, while the favored Canadian dealer who buys in the United States can get a discount probably larger than the most favored jobber purchasing largely would expect. The Canadian importers feel that, as this special discount for export is a regular and recognized price in the trade, it ought to be accepted as the invoice valuation of imports. The Customs authorities say that this is only a subterfuge on the part of manufacturers in the United States to make Canada a "dumping ground." They are apparently determined that the people of Canada shall not have the advantages of cheaper prices than our manufacturers charge on goods for domestic consumption, and to place as many obstacles as possible in the way of trade with the United States. Another trouble which gives rise to serious complaint is that there are not more than two or three well-appointed custom houses in Canada which are properly equipped for the work expected of them. Most of the officials are new men, full of untempered and indiscreet official zeal. As might be expected under such circumstances, a good deal of favoritism is shown. There are some importers whose position and influence are such that their invoices pass unchallenged, and they can import what they please at pretty much whatever figure they are pleased to swear to as price paid. But the average importer, doing business on a more modest scale, and without the large influence which belongs to wealth and high position, have no such consideration shown them. What is sauce for the large goose is not sauce for the small gander in Canada. This gives rise to serious dissatisfaction. But the great trouble is that Mr. Tilley and his officers cannot, or will not, see that the selling price quoted to the average dealer in the United States is not the price at which the manufacturers of this country are glad and eager to sell the merchant who buys for export to Canada. They insist, in effect, that the Canadian importer has no right to buy under the open market prices quoted to the home trade; that *The Iron Age* quotations are correct, and consequently that the importer whose invoice shows a larger discount than that journal quotes is attempting the old trick of defrauding the government by under-valuation. Whether they hold this same view with regard to the invoice valuations of English goods brought into Canada, I do not know. Owing to a different system of quotations, there is less opportunity, apparently, to compare domestic and export prices. From the tone of the discussions at the meetings, I conclude that the tariff will not have a very enthusiastic support from the hardware trade. The complaint is general that the honest merchant who wishes to con-

form to the law can with difficulty make a living. At the Toronto meeting a New York merchant was quoted as saying, in reply to an inquiry as to the condition of business, "Trade with Canada is extremely dull, but the frontier trade is very heavy." This tells the whole story. Upon inquiry I learn that dealers in New York are having large and continuous orders from towns conveniently near the border, and who, in some instances, are now buying in a month more than they used to consume and distribute in a year. When asked what becomes of their goods the dealers say they really have no idea, and, furthermore, that it is none of their business. To protect the frontier and suppress contraband trade would be a work the Canadian government would find practically impossible. The Canadian people who buy American goods find some way of getting them home without troubling the Customs officials. When Canada was a cheaper market than ours, the irregular importations were enormous, and it was found impossible to stop the traffic, although arrests and seizures were made daily. The Canadian government, with its new force and its unequally populous border-line, has even less chance than our government had to suppress contraband trade. As a consequence of their policy toward honest importers and their inability to suppress the dishonest ones, trade with Canada languishes, while that with the border towns and villages is unusually heavy and well sustained.

The Latest Fast Passenger Locomotive.

So much attention has been given within the last few weeks to the fast passenger locomotive built recently by the Baldwin Locomotive Works, of Philadelphia, and so much erroneous data have been published in regard to its construction, that the following accurate data, for which we are indebted to the *Railroad Gazette*, will assist in forming a correct idea of its leading features:

On the Pennsylvania and some other lines a great deal of trouble has been experienced in the fast passenger engines from the breaking of crank-pins and coupling, or parallel rods. On receiving the order for a locomotive to make the run between New York and Philadelphia, over the Bound Brook line, in two hours, the proprietors of the Baldwin Locomotive Works determined to use but one pair of driving wheels, and thus dispense entirely with coupling rods. With this arrangement the weight which can be utilized for adhesion must either be very considerably less than it would be if two pairs of wheels were coupled, or else there will be an excessive load on the single pair of driving wheels. To provide for this difficulty, the new engine is arranged with equalizing levers between the driving and trailing wheels. Each lever has a fulcrum, which works in a slot. Between this fulcrum and the driving wheel a cam is arranged, which can be thrown down by a steam cylinder and piston, so as to form a bearing for the equalizing lever, and thus take the weight off from the fulcrum which is shown. The cam then becomes the fulcrum of the lever, and one arm of the latter is thus lengthened and the other shortened. And consequently a larger proportion of the weight of the engine then rests on the driving wheels. It is intended that this arrangement shall be used only in starting, or on heavy grades.

The dimensions of this engine are as follows: Cylinders, 18 by 24 inches; total wheel base, 21 feet 1 inch; from center of driving to center of trailing wheels, 8 feet; boiler made of steel, 7-16 inch thick; diameter of boiler at smoke-box end, 52 inches; 19½ tubes, 2 inches diameter by 12 feet 2½ inches long; fire-box, 96½ inches long by 84 inches wide, 51 inches deep in front and 44 inches back; grates, made of water tubes, 1½ inches outside diameter by ¼-inch thick, spaced 2½ inches from center to center, with three bars arranged to pull out.

The truck has a swing bolster and four 36-inch wheels, with cast-iron centers and steel tires. The journals of truck axles are 5 by 8 inches; steam ports, 1½ by 16 inches; exhaust ports, 3 by 16 inches. The valve is of the Allen pattern, with ¾-inch lap. The cross-heads are made of solid wrought iron, with brass gibs on slides. The driving wheels are 6 feet 6 inches in diameter, with cast-iron centers, having solid spokes and hollow rim. The tires are 3 inches thick. The driving axles are made of wrought iron, with journals 8 by 9½ inches. The trailing wheels are 45 inches in diameter, with cast-iron center and steel tires. The journals of trailing axle are 7½ by 8½ inches. The boiler is supplied with two injectors; no pumps are used. The tender carries 4000 gallons of water. The tender frame is made of channel iron, and the tender wheels are 30 inches in diameter, with cast iron centers and steel tires.

The tender axle journals are 5 x 8 inches. The weight of engine in working order is 85,000 pounds, making the weight on the driving wheels from 35,000 to 45,000 pounds, and the weight on the trailing wheels from 15,000 to 25,000 pounds. The weight on the truck is 25,000 pounds. The top and sides of the fire-box are stayed with ¾-inch stay bolts. The boiler has 1400 square feet of heating surface.

This engine has an extended smoke-box, which is 50 inches long, measured from the front of the tube sheet. The arrangement of the inside of the smoke-box is somewhat different from the usual practice. In front of the tubes a sheet-iron deflector is placed, which is inclined from the top row of tubes downward and forward, with an opening below its lower edge and the bottom of the smoke-box. This opening can be increased or diminished by means of a movable section attached to the deflector. The smoke box is divided into two parts by wire netting having 3½ meshes to the inch, which is fastened to the tube sheet just above the top row of tubes, and extends horizontally forward to the front and to both sides of the smoke-box. The exhaust pipes are carried up through this netting, and have a single nozzle 4½ inches in diameter just above it. The smoke-box can be cleaned from a hand hole, shown in the engraving, on the under side of the extended smoke-box.

As considerable curiosity has been manifested regarding the working of this engine, it may be said that thus far it has been running only in an experimental way, and, as happens in all new engines, some little time is required before all the bearings work quite satisfactorily and the boiler is thoroughly freed from grease, and the exhaust apparatus is adjusted in the most efficient way. On one trip, though, it ran, with a train of five empty passenger cars and a baggage car, from Trenton Junction to Bound Brook, a distance of 27.1 miles, in 26¼ minutes. In this distance there is a straight line of 13.8 miles, which was made in 11 minutes, which is at the rate of a little over 75 miles per hour. At the time, though, the engine was not steaming well, and no doubt it will be able to make even faster time than this.

METALLURGICAL NOTES.

SULPHUR IN COAL.

A very important fact, metallurgically, is that sulphur does not, as has been very frequently assumed, exist in coal in the form of bisulphide of iron or pyrites, but that it is present very often in other forms, which makes its elimination by washing a more difficult matter. Dr. William Wallace, of Glasgow, gives the following table, which shows how large a proportion of sulphur is due to other sources than pyrites, the first column giving the total sulphur, and the second the sulphur as bisulphide:

	Per cent.	Per cent.
Ell coal (Lanarkshire).....	.97	.11
Main coal.....	.69	.47
Splint coal.....	.46	.14
Protshaw coal.....	.68	.17
Soft coal (from Fife).....	.93	.49

The amount present as bisulphide was calculated from the iron found in the ash of the coal, an assumption which leaves out of account the fact that sometimes coal contains iron in the shape of carbonate of iron.

ALUMINA IN DEPHOSPHORIZING IRON.

M. A. Lencanhez, a French metallurgist, has again, in a paper read before the Society of Engineers, reasserted his claims as one who correctly grasped the problem of dephosphorization long before it was approached by Messrs. Thomas & Gilchrist. While little interest attaches to this and similar efforts made to make the basic lining common property, other statements made by M. Lencanhez deserve mention. Some trials were made at Fourchambault and at Montataire in the dephosphorization of pig in the puddling furnace by means of bauxite, a mineral composed, if pure, of alumina alone. By adding this, a phosphate of alumina is formed, which has the advantage of being the most stable of all phosphates, not being reduced by carbonic oxide, even in the presence of silica. At Montataire the experiments were conducted in an ordinary reheating furnace, a mixture of powdered bauxite, lime, and oxide of iron and manganese being heated strongly until a fritted mass of aluminate of lime and oxides of iron and manganese was obtained. The puddling of the pig, which in this case was Frouard pig from the vicinity of Nancy, proceeded in the ordinary manner until the metal began to come to nature. Then about 22 to 25 pounds of the aluminate were taken from the reheating furnace, where it was kept at a high temperature. The working was then continued in the ordinary manner, the result being wrought iron containing only 0.08 per cent. of phosphorus. M. Forey, of Fourchambault, reports that, by the use of 22 to 25 pounds of bauxite, the phosphorus in the pig—0.4 per cent.—is reduced to 0.08 per cent. in the iron. It was found, however, in the course of experiments made at a number of mills, that good results were obtained only when gray pig, low in silicon, was used. The following analyses of the bauxite show the nature of the material clearly:

	Silica.	Alumina.	Peroxide of Iron.	Lime.
No. 1.....	10.40	66.99	5.71	0.00
No. 2.....	10.90	67.31	5.14	0.00
No. 3.....	11.80	53.46	23.99	0.00
No. 4.....	14.00	53.51	21.90	0.00
No. 5.....	34.50	29.44	23.20	0.00
No. 6.....	0.80	41.62	35.08	3.15
No. 7.....	0.70	41.54	35.46	3.10

Nos. 4 and 6 are used as a flux in smelting Algerian ores at Beaunacire. M. Lencanhez announces also that he has revived the Maudslayi furnace, first proposed in 1853, its construction being similar to that of the Pernot furnace. He states that he has added some features, blowpipe combustion and a special tuyere, with the aid of which he hopes to carry the production per diam higher than the furnaces of a similar type now at work. It appears that the Messrs. de Wendel, of Hayange, are going to put up this plant, which is to include a "recuperator," or regenerator of the type introduced and built by Messrs. Gaillard, Haillet & Co., of Paris.

Conflicting Bank Laws.—Replying to an inquiry from the Secretary of the Treasury, as to whether the fourth section of the act of June 30, 1874, was repugnant to the previous statutory provision in reference to the deposit of bonds by national banks, the Solicitor General, in an opinion approved by the Attorney-General, sent to Secretary Sherman says: Upon the whole, I am of opinion that, taken with its context, section 4 of the act of 1874 is, for all purposes connected therewith, repugnant to section 5160 of the Revised Statutes and all other previous legislation that requires national banks to have and maintain in the Treasury of the United States a bond deposit to the amount of one-third of their capital. There is enough in the case to warrant that official vigilance which has raised and made it necessary to decide the question highly commendable, but even if the question were more doubtful, great weight would have to be attributed to the contemporaneous understanding by all practically concerned as to the operation of the provision before me, in consequence of which, without denur from any one, the provisions of section 5160 have been disregarded by many officers and other citizens of more than ordinary intelligence and character, in immense transactions occurring from day to day during more than five years.

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The New Tariff Bills.—Tucker and Garfield's Reports on the Hoop Iron Duty.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12, 1880.

The bill relating to the duty on hoop iron and the accompanying reports are now formally before the Committee of the Whole. The text of these documents, which explains the position of the Ways and Means Committee on this important subject, will be found below. The following is the bill prepared by Representative Tucker:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

Section 1. That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be levied upon all articles under the designation of "cut hoops," "hoops cut to lengths," "hoops cut and punched" and "barrel hoops," the duty of 35 per cent. ad valorem, which shall be shown by satisfactory proof to have been ordered under *bona fide* and absolute contract, made and entered into prior to March 12th, 1880, and which shall be imported from any foreign country into the United States prior to the first day of January, 1881.

Section 2. From and after the approval of this act there shall be levied, collected and paid upon all band, hoop and scroll iron of every description a duty of 35 per cent. ad valorem.

Section 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act shall be and are hereby repealed.

Then follows the report of Representative Tucker for the majority. It leads off with the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury to the Attorney-General, and the decision of the Secretary in returning to the old specific rate, and the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, turning the whole question over to Congress, with the statement that if no action were taken within a limited time the customs officers would be instructed to levy the specific rate. Representative Tucker then says:

The Committee of Ways and Means, to which has been referred the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury of date of March 12, 1880, and hereto annexed, having fully considered it, make the following report: The question for adjudication, to which the Secretary refers, is a mixed one of law and fact, and your committee, without a full examination of all the testimony which might be adduced on the trial of a case involving its decision, could not undertake to decide it satisfactorily.

But it is observed that, on the faith of the authoritative orders of the Secretary of the Treasury, contracts may have been made to import the articles of hoops, cut to lengths, under the duty of 35 per cent. ad valorem, it would be unjust to any persons making such contracts *bona fide*, prior to the date of the letter of the Secretary, to exact of them the higher specific duty imposed under the act of June 30, 1864, upon "band, hoop and scroll iron," your committee have thought it proper to report a bill the first section of which provides that in all such cases the duty to be paid shall be the 35 per cent. ad valorem.

The question still remains whether any action shall be taken by Congress to settle by law the point upon which there have been various judicial decisions referred to by the Secretary of the Treasury, that is, whether "hoops cut to lengths," and such like articles, shall pay the specific duty imposed on band, hoop and scroll iron, or the duty of 35 per cent. ad valorem on articles, vessels and wares not otherwise provided for. And this involved a further inquiry, Shall hoops cut to length and punched at the end, which are in a more advanced state of manufacture than "band, hoop and scroll iron" not so cut and punched, pay a less rate of duty than the latter? Or, in another form of the question, Shall the latter pay a higher rate of duty than the hoops cut to length and punched?

Your committee sees no reason for putting different rates on these several classes of band, hoop and scroll iron, and the question therefore is, Shall the same rate be imposed? and if so, shall it be the higher specific duty or the lower ad valorem. The revenue collected from all band, hoop and scroll iron at the specific rates of duty now imposed was for 1878, \$735,863, and for the year 1879, \$626,711. The specific duty is nearly prohibitory. On the other hand, the contention which has arisen shows, as well as the numerous contracts of which the committee has been informed, that at 35 per cent. ad valorem a very large revenue will be collected. On one contract for hoop iron for 25,000 tons to be imported, the duty collected at the ad valorem rate will be \$262,500, and none of this would be imported, in all probability, were the higher specific duty demanded.

Your committee, therefore, report and recommend the passage of the accompanying bill, the second section of which imposes on all band, hoop and scroll iron of any description the duty of 35 per cent. ad valorem.

THE DUTY ON HOOP IRON.

Representative Garfield, from the Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury of March 12, 1880, relative to the duty on cut hoops, on Tuesday submitted the following as the views of the minority:

The subject referred to this committee by the House, in the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, is sufficiently stated in the report of the majority of the committee, which provides:

1. That all cut hoops, hoops cut to length and punched, and band hoops which were purchased abroad before March 12, 1880, may be imported at any time before Jan. 1, 1881, at a duty of 35 per cent. ad valorem.

2. That all such hoops and bands purchased since March 12, 1880, and imported before this bill becomes a law, shall pay the duty prescribed by existing law, that is 1 1/4, 1 1/2 and 1 3/4 cents per pound, according to thickness.

3. That hereafter the duty, not only on cut hoops, but upon all band, hoop and scroll

iron of every description, shall be reduced to 35 per cent. ad valorem.

The undersigned concur in that provision of the bill which grants relief to those importers who made absolute and *bona fide* purchases of cut hoops before the Treasury order of March 12, 1880, but not yet imported, though it is not improbable that many of these purchases were made in anticipation of the order.

But we object to the third section of the bill as wholly unwarranted by any just principle or by any complaint against existing law. If the committee had confined the provisions of this section to cut hoops they would have done at least this service, they would have prevented litigation and ended an expensive controversy by deciding the question in favor of the importers and foreign manufacturers. But in removing an ambiguity from a single paragraph of the law, they have thrown a dozen pages of the statutes into the utmost confusion. They have separated one group of products—hoops and band iron—from the general provisions of the iron tariff and reduced the duty more than one-third, wholly out of proportion to the rates on other manufactures of iron.

The only reason assigned by the majority for this change of the law is that the present rate of duty—1 1/4, 1 1/2 and 1 3/4 cents per pound—is nearly prohibitory, and the proposed reduction of rate will largely increase the importations and augment the revenue.

The allegation that the present duty is exorbitant is based upon the recent temporary advance in the price of iron, and the argument for the increase of revenues will apply with equal force to nearly all the provisions of the iron tariff which are not touched by any of the bills which the committee have framed.

The undersigned object to the change in the third section, because:

1. It will destroy at least \$6,000,000 of capital now invested in machinery specially and exclusively applied to this particular branch of merchandise in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and other States.

2. It will turn out of employment not less than 5000 artisans and laborers who are now engaged in this special manufacture, and at least 10,000 more who are engaged in the production of the material of which hoop iron is made.

3. It will transfer the profits of these manufactures to the importers and to our rivals in foreign countries, and will not materially reduce the cost of the finished product to American consumers.

This is shown to be the fact, that since the importation of cut hoops under the Treasury ruling of 1878 has been allowed at 35 per cent., the importers and foreign producers have fixed the prices at so small a fraction below the price at which the American manufacturer can produce them, that only a very small advantage has accrued to the consumer and the home production has become impossible.

4. It is wholly out of harmony with the duties imposed by existing laws upon every other form of iron manufacture, as may be seen by examining the Revised Statutes (Boutwell's edition, pp. 464, et seq.)

It violates two principles which have controlled nearly all our tariff legislation since the foundation of the government. First, that all imported articles which are alike in kind and in their relation to the wants and industries of the United States, shall be treated alike in the customs laws. Second, That imported articles which come into competition with the industries of this country shall bear a rate of duty proportioned to the amount of skill and labor employed in their production.

We do not say that these principles appear in exact mathematical proportions in all our legislation, but it has been the manifest purpose of Congress so to apply them to the tariff law that the more labor and skill are embodied in any competing product the higher rate of duty it shall bear. These principles were clearly recognized in the first tariff act, being the second law passed by the first Congress, July 4, 1789, and finds repeated illustration in a very general tariff law since enacted. The act of April 12, 1816 (3 Stat. at Large, 312) imposed on hoop iron (as the more advanced manufacture) a duty of \$2.50 per hundredweight, while the duty on bars and bolts (the less advanced) made by rolling was \$1.50 per hundredweight. The act of April 20, 1818 (3 Stat. at Large, 460) imposed a duty of 50 cents per hundredweight on pig iron; on castings, 75 cents per hundredweight; on spikes, 3 cents per pound, and on nails, 4 cents per pound. By the act of May 24, 1824 (4 Stat. at Large, 27) the duty on bar and bolt iron not made by rolling, was 90 cents per hundredweight on nail rods, and hoop iron, 3 cents per pound, and on iron wire 9 cents per pound. The same proportional rates were maintained in the act of July 14, 1832 (4 Stat. at Large, 537). The act of March 2, 1833 (4 Stat. at Large, 629), which became historical, and was passed to allay the threats of nullification, provided for scaling down the duties of the then existing laws, year by year, but preserved the relative rates on the various forms of iron, and concluded by providing that in 1842 the duties should be at an ad valorem rate. The effect of this provision was to place a lighter duty upon crude manufactures and a heavier duty upon those more advanced. The act of August 30, 1842 (5 Stat. at Large, 551), fixed a duty of \$9 per ton on pig iron, \$17 per ton on bar and bolt iron not manufactured by rolling, \$25 per ton on bar and bolt iron rolled, and on hoop iron 2 1/2 cents per pound. By the act of July 30, 1846 (9 Stat. at Large, 45, Schedule 6), a duty of 30 per cent. ad valorem was levied on all forms of iron, which again effectively recognized the doctrine that the duty should increase as the product is rendered more valuable by skill and labor.

The same principle was maintained in the act of March 3, 1857 (11 Stat. at Large, 192), in which the iron schedule of the preceding act was reduced to 24 per cent. ad valorem. The act of March 2, 1861 (12 Stat. at Large, 180), levied a duty of \$15 per ton on bar iron, and \$20 per ton on band and hoop iron; and the act of July 14th, 1862 (12 Stat. at

Large, 544), which levied duties in addition to those of the former act, increased the duty on bar iron \$2 per ton, and on hoop iron, \$5—thus maintaining the principle of gradation even on the slight increase of rate. The provisions of the next general tariff act, that of June 30th, 1864 (13 Stat. at Large, 203), are still in force, and it is a clause of that act which this bill of the committee seeks to amend.

The provisions of the Act of 1864—generally and particularly the clauses under consideration—are in perfect harmony with the principles which have marked the tariff legislation from the origin of the government, under all parties and all administrations.

By the existing law pig iron pays a duty of \$7 per ton. (Revised Statutes, p. 464.) Bar iron—a more advanced form of manufacture—bears a duty of 1 to 1 1/2 cents, according to sizes. Iron wrought into slabs, blooms and hoop, and other forms less finished than bars and more advanced than pig iron, is rated as bars; but band and hoop iron, being more skill and labor, pays a duty of 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 cents per pound, according to sizes. The anomaly forced into the law by the verdict of a jury made it possible for the foreign producer, by the expenditure of five shillings' worth of labor upon a ton of hoop iron, in cutting the long strips into short pieces and punching a hole in one end of each piece, to import this class of iron into this country under the name of "cut hoops" at 35 per cent. ad valorem, which at present prices is more than one-third less than the duty on the long uncut strips. This was a palpable evasion of the law, which the Treasury order of March 12 presents.

It is impossible to contract the duty imposed by the existing law upon the various articles of iron and steel manufacture, without seeing that it is the manifest intention of these laws to impose a higher duty as the article approaches completion. The third section of the pending bill overturns and reverses this hitherto unbroken rule. It was never before proposed to enact a law which levied a higher duty on bar iron than on hoop iron, the more advanced form of manufacture. This bill singles out hoop iron from the whole list of iron products, and strikes it a fatal blow by making its manufacture in this country impossible. No further argument is needed to prove the injustice of this measure.

The undersigned are not opposed to a revision of the tariff or a reduction of rates whenever this can be done in harmony with the principles herein set forth; but, believing that the provisions of the third section are partial and unjust, we recommend that the whole section be stricken out from the bill.

The majority report was sustained by Wood, of New York; Tucker, of Virginia; Gibson, of Louisiana; Morrison, of Illinois; Mills, of Texas; Carlisle, of Kentucky; and Felton, of Georgia—7, all Democrats.

The minority report was sustained by Phelps, of Connecticut, Democrat; and Garfield, of Ohio; Kelley, of Pennsylvania; Conger, of Michigan; Frye, of Maine; Dannel, of Minnesota, Republicans—6.

The Committee of Ways and Means have just prepared the following revise of their bill to regulate customs duties upon certain articles named therein.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, That the importation of the following articles shall be exempt from duty:

Woolen rags, shoddy, mungo, waste and flocks.

Books, periodicals, pamphlets and all printed matter, engravings, bound or unbound, illustrated books and papers, maps and charts, and music, printed with lines, bound or unbound.

Cod-liver oil, crude or refined, and crude petroleum.

Sumac.

Chrome ore.

Barks—Quilla, Peruvian, Lima, calisaya, and all cinchona barks, canella alba, pomegranate, croton, cascarrilla, and all other barks not otherwise provided for, wherever grown or produced.

Extract of hemlock.

Cut nails and spikes.

Cast-iron butts and hinges.

Section 2. There shall be levied, collected, and paid upon all articles named in schedule A of section 2504, title 33, of the Revised Statutes, a duty of 30 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon wools named in schedule L of the same section and title as classes numbered one and two, a duty of 35 per cent. ad valorem.

And on wools therein named as class numbered three, a duty of 20 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon all carpets of every description, and druggets and bookings, printed, colored or otherwise, and all carpets or carpeting of wool, flax or cotton, or parts of either, or of other material not otherwise specified, and on all mats, rugs, screens, covers, hassocks, bed-sides and other portions of carpets or carpetings of like character or description, a duty of 30 per cent. ad valorem.

On all flannels, blankets, hats of wool and knit goods, 40 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon all other articles not herein otherwise specified, named in schedule L of said section and title of the Revised Statutes, a duty of 45 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon buffalo robes, of all kinds, 10 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon steel railway bars, 1 cent per pound.

Upon locomotive tires and parts thereof, 2 cents per pound.

Upon anchors or parts thereof, 1 1/4 cents per pound.

Upon anvils, 1 1/4 cents per pound.

Upon iron cables or cable chains or parts thereof, 2 cents per pound.

Upon chains, trace chains, halter chains and fence chains made of wire or rods not less than 1/4 inch in diameter, 1 1/4 cents per pound. Less than 1/4 inch in diameter and not under No. 9 wire gauge, 1 1/2 cents per pound; under No. 9 wire gauge, 30 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon horseshoe nails, 2 1/2 cents per pound.

Upon bed screws, wrought-iron hinges, wrought board nails, spikes, rivets and bolts, 2 cents per pound.

Upon mill irons and mill cranks of

wrought iron, and wrought iron for ships, steam engines and locomotives, or parts thereof, weighing each 25 pounds or more, 30 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon blacksmiths' hammers and sledges, all hand saws and back saws of all descriptions, all files, file blanks, rasps and floats of all descriptions, needles for knitting or sewing machines, all cutlery, other than pen-knives, jack knives and pocket knives of all kinds, 25 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon screws usually called wood screws, 2 inches or over in length, 5 cents per pound; less than 2 inches in length, 7 cents per pound; provided, however, that all rolled or hammered iron, or round iron in coils, imported for the sole purpose of manufacture of said wood screws, may be imported under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe, at a duty of 35 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon chromate and bichromate of potash, 2 cents per pound.

Upon aniline dyes and colors by whatever name known, 30 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon hatters' plush composed of silk and cotton, but of which cotton is the component material of chief value, 15 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon lead ore, lead in sheets, pipes, or shot, lead in pigs or bars, and old scrap lead, fit only to be remanufactured, and manufactures of lead not otherwise provided for, 30 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon copper imported in the form of ores, regulus of copper, and on all block or coarse copper, 3 cents on each pound of fine copper contained therein. On all old copper fit only to be remanufactured, 3 cents per pound. On copper in plates or bars, ingots, pigs, and in other forms not manufactured or here enumerated, copper in rolled plates called braziers' copper, sheets, rods, pipes and copper bottoms, all manufactures of copper or of which copper shall be a component of chief value, not otherwise provided for, and all sheathing or yellow metal not wholly of copper nor wholly nor in part of iron ungalvanized, of all descriptions, 25 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon percussion caps, 35 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon opium, \$1 per pound.

Upon opium prepared for smoking, and all other preparations of opium not otherwise provided for, \$10 per pound.

On all brown earthenware and common stoneware, gas retorts and stoneware not ornamented, 20 per cent. ad valorem.

On all other earthenware, except china, porcelain, and Parian ware, and on stoneware not included in the next preceding clause, on crockery ware, white, glazed, edged, painted, printed, dipped, or cream-colored, composed of earthy or mineral substances, 30 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon rice, cleaned or uncleaned, and on paddy, 50 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon wood pulp, for manufacture of paper, 10 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon jute butts, \$3 per ton; on unmanufactured flax, and all other fibers or fibrous material for the manufacture of paper, \$10 per ton.

Upon paper sized or glued, suitable only for printing paper, 20 per cent. ad valorem; printing, unsized, used for books and newspapers exclusively, 15 per cent. ad valorem; manufactures of or of which paper is a component material not otherwise provided for, 25 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon types (new) and type metal, 10 per cent. ad valorem.

Upon plows, harrows, spades, shovels, hoes, mattocks, picks, axes, scythes, hatchets and other like articles of which iron or steel is a component material, used for agricultural, mining or mechanical purposes, 25 per cent. ad valorem.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL.

A Canadian, Mr. D. M. Lamb, has invented a method of

PREPARING WATERPROOF FABRICS,

which has been attracting a good deal of attention during the last few weeks. "Nep-tunite," as he calls the liquid he uses, is a solution of certain gums and of rubber. The fabrics treated with it are not moistened by water, which runs off from them like quicksilver. The articles, after being dipped in the solution, must be dried for 24 hours in a temperature of from 160 to 180 degrees. They appear to lose little of their pliability or color, have been thoroughly tested and are claimed to have stood the ordeals well. Boiling water, soap or alcohol does not, it is said, remove the neptunite from the fabrics rendered waterproof by it.

A novel and important communication has been made by Prof. Hughes, the well-known inventor of the microphone, to the Society of Telegraph Engineers on

MOLECULAR CHANGES IN IRON AND STEEL WIRE.

He discovered accidentally, about a month ago, that iron or steel wire, after being dipped for a short time, say two minutes, in a solution of sulphuric acid and water, becomes exceedingly brittle and will not bear bending, the metal becoming "rotten." This is not due to mere corrosion of the surface or skin of the metal, because the wire broke even after the outer layer had been carefully removed. The brittle wire shows no change of magnetic conductivity when tested by the induction balance, such as would be the result of heating, straining, tempering, or corroding. There is reason to believe that the suggestion made by Mr. A. Chandler Roberts, that the brittleness is due to absorption of hydrogen by the iron, is the true cause of this peculiar phenomenon. If the wire is immersed in very weak acid, it takes about 30 minutes before it is brittle; when, however, an amalgamated zinc plate is dipped into the same solution and connected to the wire so that a voltaic element is formed, giving off abundant hydrogen at the surface of the iron, the full effect is produced in a minute, owing apparently to the absorption of the hydrogen by the wire. In the latter case, too, the presence of the zinc protects the iron from the action of the acid and, therefore, demonstrates that the brittleness is not due to a mere surface corrosion. Mr. Chandler Roberts has heated the brittle wires of Prof. Hughes in vacuo, and has found that they occlude or absorb about 20 times their volume, irrespective of the

"natural gas" in the metal, which amount to from three to ten volumes of hydrogen and carbonic oxide.

Profs. Brackett and Young, of Princeton, have made a series of tests on THE EFFICIENCY OF THE EDISON DYNAMO-ELECTRIC MACHINE.

The results reached by them were that the total efficiency of the machine is 94.7 per cent., while the available efficiency is 83.9 per cent.

M. Dronier has described a method of making

MALLEABLE BRONZE by adding from 1/2 to 2 per cent. of mercury, which probably acts mechanically in modifying the mechanical properties of the alloy. The mercury may be combined with one of the metals of which bronze is made before they are combined, by pouring it into the melted metal and stirring well, or it may be put into the melted copper along with tin or just after the latter has been added, or an amalgam of tin is stirred into the melted copper.

The Value of Non-Conductors for Steam Pipe.

A series of experiments conducted by Mr. Walther-Meunier for the Steam Users' Association of Alsace, strikingly show the importance of using non-conductors in order to prevent the condensation of steam in pipes, &c. Although the various materials and compositions tried differ from those used in this country, so that, directly, the experiments do not afford the means of judging the comparative value of those offered to consumers here, these experiments are of value as illustrating, by a striking example, the economy to be derived by carefully protecting steam pipes. The unit adopted was the weight of water condensed in one hour per square meter of a pipe 2.5 meters long and 150 millimeters in diameter. Both cast-iron and wrought-iron pipes were tested, the results of the experiments with different materials being given in the following table:

Material.	Thickness, millimeters.	Water condensed, Kilogs.	
		Cast-iron pipe.	Wrought pipe.
Grünzweig & Hartmann's.....	20	0.331
Felt alone.....	35	0.542
"Kieselguhr".....	15	0.657
Reich's.....	45	0.850
Gay's.....	45	0.931	0.899
Leroy's.....	45	0.994
Felt, with metallic lining.....	50	1.000
Pollock's.....	50	1.080
Felt, with metallic lining and water-proof linen.....	50	1.327
Pipe uncovered.....	50	3.484	3.905

Taking as an example Grünzweig & Hartmann's composition, it will be seen that a pipe projected by it condenses 3.484—0.321 = 3.163 kilograms of water less per square meter of pipe surface than an uncovered pipe. If it is assumed that 1 kilogram of coal will evaporate 7 kilograms of water, there will be a saving of 1620 kilograms of fuel in 300 working days of 12 hours (a quantity valued at 30 marks), while the cost of covering is estimated at only 4.80 marks.

Another group of sun spots have made their appearance. It will be interesting to note whether any great storms or other aerial phenomena disturb the earth's atmosphere during their continuance. A series of careful observations ought to serve to either prove or disprove the theory of those who think that the sun has a direct influence upon our atmosphere other than its light and heat-giving powers. That solar forces are powerfully felt in the electrical conditions of the earth seems to be an established fact. A few years ago a sudden outbreak of light spots on the sun was accompanied by great electrical disturbances in various parts of the earth. During the sun-spot cycles the Northern Lights are most frequently seen. When the tremendous power and activity of the solar forces are considered in connection with the fact that the sun's distance from the earth is only a little over 100 times its diameter, it seems not unreasonable to conclude that the effects of those forces, when excited to unusual activity, may be felt even at the distance of ninety-odd millions of miles.

The petition of Messrs. P. & T. Collins and their creditors, presented to both Houses of Congress, asks for the passage of a joint resolution requesting the President to bring the matter alleged in their memorial to the attention of the English government, and to instruct the Secretary of the Treasury to give public notice that the United States bonds now in the Bank of England, being the trust fund for the construction of the railroad, will not be paid until their rights to the fund are respected, and asking for such other relief as may be due them by reason of the fact that, as American citizens, their rights and property are being jeopardized by the hostile action of the government of Bolivia in attempting to withdraw a concession and grant of money, upon the faith of which the contractors agreed to build the railroad, and have expended their money.

There is a great quarrel in Mexico between two American companies—the Union Contract Company and the Atchison and Topeka Company—which are seeking railroad concessions over the same route. The Executive granted concessions to both and Congress reported in favor of both, and it only remains for the Senate by a vote to decide the question. The contest continues, Congress and the press somewhat favoring the Union Contract Company.

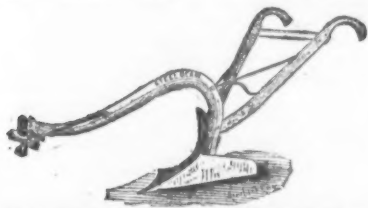
The iron workers of England include 140,000 laborers in furnaces and forges, 160,000 in the manufacture of machinery, 5500 in steel works, 48,000 in shipbuilding, and about 200,000 in various branches of iron and steel manufacture, making about 570,000 in all. The mining population is about 530,000, and the laborers in cotton mills about 600,000.

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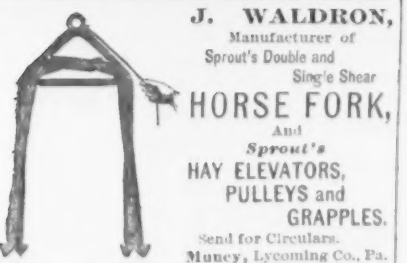
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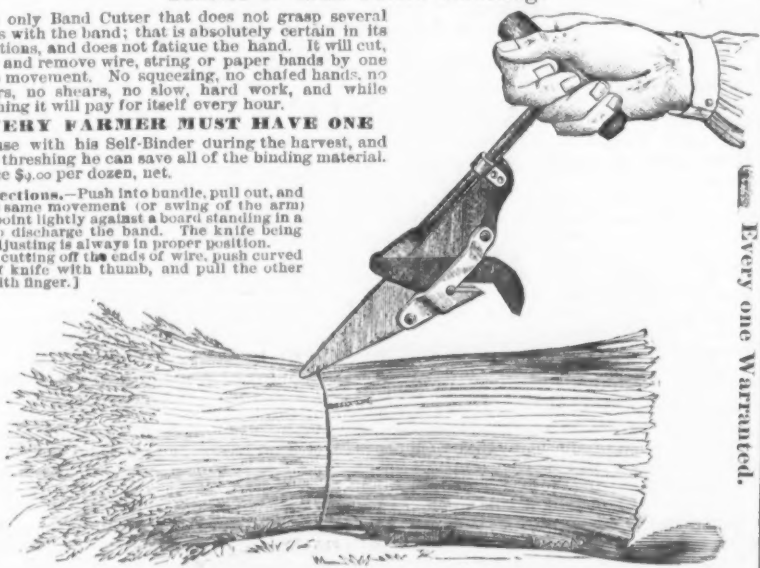
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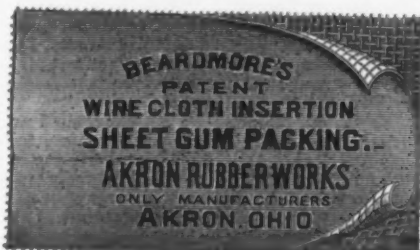
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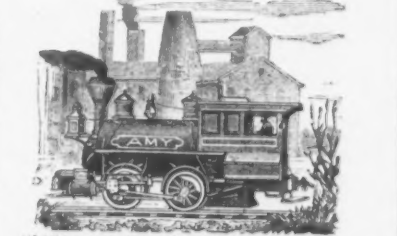
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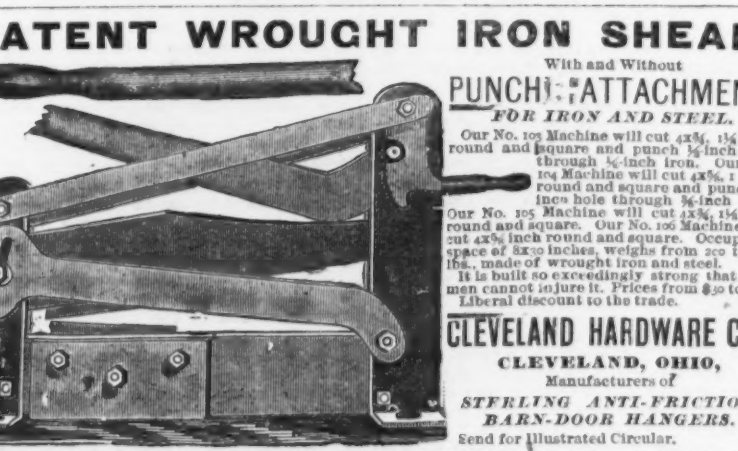
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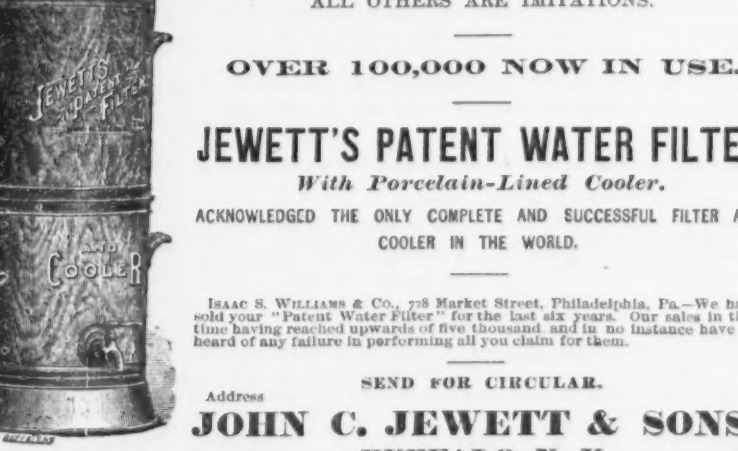
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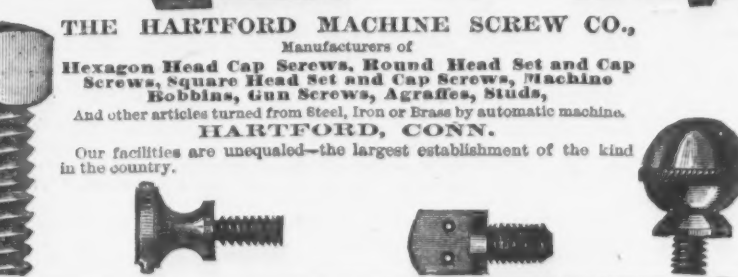
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 Soft Woollens..... " 10 c. @
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 Mixed Bagging..... " 2 c. @
 Jute Butts..... " 2 1/2 c. @
 Kentucky Bagging..... " 4 c. @
 Book Stock..... " 3 1/2 c. @
 Newspapers..... " 2 1/2 c. @
 Waste Paper and Scraps..... " 1/2 c. @
 Kentucky Bale Rope..... " 4 c. @

IMPORTS

Of Hardware, Iron, Steel and Metals into the Port of New York, for the week ending May 11, 1880:

Hardware.
 Baldwin Bros. & Co., Sheet iron, bbls., 428
 Byrne Jos. & Co., Bars, 237
 Baring Bros. & Co., Telegraph wire, bbls., 203
 Billie H., Bronze mortars, 2
 Blankensteyn & Henning, Machinery, cs., 1
 Boker H. & Co., Sheet iron, bbls., 118
 Hdwr., cs., 5
 Hdwr., pkgs., 15
 Bruckner & Sons, Wire netting, rolls, 100
 Burkshaw W. C., Hdwr., cs., 1
 Butler & Huntig, Nails, kegs., 4
 Carey S., Grinding stones, 17
 Charles R. P., Grind. stones, 701
 Crispin Col., Cannon with accessories, cs., 3
 Sockets and empty projectiles, cs., 55
 de Planque E., Mdse., pkgs., 4
 Dolge Alfred, Steel wire, cs., 3
 Ely & Wray, Hdwr., cs., 1
 Fay J. A. & Co., Mach., cs., 1
 Field Alfred & Co., Cartridge cases, cs., 12
 Hdwr., cs., 8
 Fisher S. S., Machinery, cs., 1
 Casting, cs., 1
 Folson H. & D. Co., Arms, cs., 1
 Friedman & Lauterjung, Mdse., pkgs., 6
 Furness, Baunister & Co., Hdwr., cs., 1
 Galway & Casado, Lead, bars, 433
 Ginnel H., Hdwr., cs., 1
 Hartley & Graham, Mdse., pkgs., 2
 Hecht Bros., Hdwr., cs., 1
 Henry, Henry A., Ag. imp's, pkgs., 5
 Hildick A. H., Chains, cs., 1
 Loose chains, pcs., 4
 Hdwr., cs., 1
 Howard Bros. & Read, Hdwr., cs., 5
 Hdwr., cs., 1
 Latham & Jeffries, Hdwr., cs., 7
 Lawrence, Johnson & Co., Metal, pkgs., 48
 Lovemann E., Mach., pkgs., 16
 Ludwig E., Mach., cs., 8
 McClellan G. E., Telegraph instruments, cs., 1
 McCoy & Co., Levers, cs., 1
 Meier Geo., Mach., pkgs., 18
 Milliken & Smith, Wire, bbls., 1025
 Moss F. W., Files, cs., 7
 Mount James, T., Hdwr., pkgs., 3
 Newman Henry, Ironware, cs., 2
 Outerbridge A. E. & Co., Cartridge cases, cs., 5
 Prosper Thos. & Sons, Iron rings, bbls., 10
 Rogers Henry, Mdse., pkgs., 4
 Seymour Chas. T., Wire, bbls., 20
 Skidmore's J. Sons, Cannel, tons, 102
 Stedman & Fuller, Mach., cs., 10
 Struller, Lau & Co., Hdwr., cs., 2
 Taylor Thos., Hdwr., cs., 1
 Thacker H. C. & Co., Emery stone, tons, 20
 Tillotson L. Q. & Co., Wire, lots, 1743
 Ward Asstine, Mdse., pkgs., 19
 Weber & Schilling, Mach., pkgs., 32
 Wetzlar M., Ironware, cs., 16
 Mdse., pkgs., 3
 Wiebusch & Hilger, Hdwr., cs., 1
 Cutlery and hdwr., pkgs., 49
 White John G. & Bro., Hdwr., cs., 1
 Mdse., pkgs., 4
 Wolff S. N. & Co., Ironware, cs., 51
 Zimmerman H., Chains, cs., 1
 Order,
 Anvils, 102
 Grindstones, 175
 Grindstones, cs., 22
 Gun caps, cs., 16
 Hdwr., cs., 15
 Hdwr., pkgs., 18
 Ironware, cs., 15
 Lanterns, cs., 15
 Washers, cs., 2
 Wire, bbls., 1304
 Wire, pkgs., 1304

Iron.

Abeel Bros., Sheet iron, bbls., 134
 Bars, 102
 Bank of N. Y. National Banking Assn., Oil barrel, bbls., 23.66
 Baring Bros. & Co., Rod iron, bbls., 105
 Bars, 532
 Wire rods, pkgs., 217
 Fig. tons, 265
 Galvanized sheets, cs., 1
 Blake Bros. & Co., Plates, 2
 Brown Bros. & Co., Wire rods, coils, 577

EXPORTS
 Of Hardware, Iron, Machinery, Metals, &c., from the Port of New York, for the week ending May 11, 1880:

Hamburg.
 Quam. Val.
 S'paper, pgs., 11 \$262
 Cutlery, cs., 3 418
 Mach., cs., 39 3,833
 Nails, kegs., 62 245
 Pistols, cs., 5 2,764
 Spelter, slabs, 1 60
 Hdwr., cs., 304 6,419
 Sew. ma., cs., 882 19,745
 Ag. imp., pkgs., 353 8,110
 Plaidware, cs., 1 755
 Teleph., cs., 3 750
 Nails, cs., 1 60
 Carlines, cs., 16 2,603
 C'go mt., pgs., 1 110
 Lub. oil, bbls., 5 60

Hayti.
 Quam. Val.
 Mach., cs., 50 1,142
 Hdwr., cs., 48 1,092
 Nails, kegs., 59 321
 Cutlery, cs., 10 303
 Cartridges, cs., 39 985
 Hums, cs., 10 450
 Sew. ma., cs., 9 425
 Glassware, cs., 70 697
 Mt. iron, pkgs., 10 145
 Iron, pkgs., 238 253
 Rifles, cs., 5 800

Mexico.
 Tin, bxs., 50 300
 Firearms, cs., 7 2,389
 Cartridges, cs., 8 530
 Car springs, cs., 31 1,279
 Nails, kegs., 34 198
 Wire, spools, 147 995
 Glassware, cs., 28 208
 Cutlery, cs., 103 3,337
 Pumps, pkgs., 6 68
 Sew. ma., cs., 159 1,897
 Gas fix., cs., 4 205
 Mt. iron, pkgs., 81 1,138
 Hdwr., cs., 60 1,271
 Guns, cs., 47 1,000
 Pdm., gals., 13,970 1,659
 Ag. imp., pkgs., 2 75
 Mach., cs., 32 2,164
 Zinc, pkgs., 1 40
 Mach. oil, cs., 35 40
 Cars, cs., 2 1,860

Odessa.
 Pdm., gals., 100,320 15,048

Amsterdam.
 Pdm., gals., 200,624 17,000

Antwerp.
 Pdm., gals., 376,400 28,215
 Hdwr., cs., 39 2,497
 I. rolls, cs., 6 1,000
 Rifles, cs., 3 672
 Arms, cs., 2 248
 Sew. ma., cs., 32 350
 Light rods, cs., 3 210
 Plaidware, cs., 3 210
 Mt. iron, pkgs., 3 31
 Pistols, cs., 1 281
 Mach., pkgs., 8 172
 Sew. ma., cs., 15 265
 Powder, cs., 8 250
 Tacks, cs., 5 85
 Shot, kegs., 1 50
 Wire, spools, 12 167

London.
 Ag. imp., pkgs., 40 558
 Lub. oil, bbls., 90 1,300

British North American Colonies.
 Coal, tons, 344 1,472
 Pdm., gals., 484 48

British Australia.
 Glassware, cs., 10 158
 Ag. imp., pkgs., 146 6,959
 Hdwr., cs., 432 7,657
 Cutlery, cs., 12 122
 Ohio nickel, cs., 2 90
 Pdm., gals., 39,800 4,030
 Lub. oil, gals., 1,310 92
 Plaidware, cs., 4 1,000
 Mach., pkgs., 4 500
 Tacks, case, 1 1,085
 Pumps, pkgs., 19 715
 Nails, kegs., 2 120
 Tel. mts., pgs., 48 325
 Mt. iron, pkgs., 49 1,443
 Iron safes, cs., 3 750

Barcelona.
 Pdm., gals., 145,403 11,969

Havre.
 Mt. iron, pkgs., 1 50
 Sew. ma., cs., 86 3,584
 Ag. imp., pkgs., 17 1,000
 Hdwr., cs., 3 75
 Silverware, cs., 4 4,000
 Mach., cs., 2 900
 Lub. oil, bbls., 50 800

Marseilles.
 Mach., cs., 8 184

London.
 Hdwr., cs., 345 5,865
 Crutchie, bbls., 13 403
 Sew. ma., cs., 30 1,095
 Mach., pkgs., 133 23,458
 Glassware, bbls., 10 2,382
 Mt. copper, cs., 1 250
 Lub. oil, bbls., 195 2,000
 Glassware, cs., 14 2,000
 Brass gds., cs., 11 650
 Ag. imp., pkgs., 16 8,445
 Mt. iron, pkgs., 4 110

Glasgow.
 Hdwr., cs., 1 140
 I. rolls, cs., 1 140
 Mach., cs., 1 140
 W. wheel, cs., 1 355

Trieste.
 Pdm., gals., 217,359 17,520

Cuba.
 Hdwr., cs., 37 1,166
 Cop. bbs., cs., 3 378
 Ag. imp., pkgs., 22 935
 Windmills, pgs., 50 170
 Sew. ma., cs., 13 1,094
 Mt. iron, pkgs., 255 1,688
 Glassware, cs., 14 60
 Boiler tubes, 44 114
 Plaidware, cs., 3 90

Porto Rico.
 Ag. imp., pkgs., 3 75
 Pdm., gals., 4,000 410
 Hoops bbls., 240 120

Alicante.
 Pdm., gals., 378,910 38,730
 Nails, kegs., 4 30

COAL.

The market during the past week has been in such a quiet condition and so little coal was disposed of, that the leading men of the trade and managers of the large companies considered that the proposed stoppage was inevitable. It has, accordingly, been agreed that, for the remainder of the present month, the half-week-and-half-play system should be adopted. It is hoped that by keeping up the system of stoppages, the production can be kept down and prices kept up to such an extent that, by the 1st of July, the market will be in condition to take all that can be produced during the remainder of the year without any falling off of prices. Among the companies there has been, up to the present moment, perfect harmony in regard to the necessary action. Prices are closely adhered to so far as we can learn, and there are no complaints made by one against the other. There are a few outside parties who do dispose of coal below the circular rates, and thus have more or less influence upon the market.

Customers are holding off and buying from hand to mouth. Most dealers complain of very dull trade, and predict that later in the season there will be higher prices and a greater rush. Even the Philadelphia Ledger—the most hopeful of all the newspapers that publish coal reports—admits, in its last coal article, that the "trade has been unusually quiet during the past week." In regard to the cutting of prices in that market, it says that while they have been, in the main, maintained, it is sorry to

learn that not all the parties concerned have adhered to circular rates. Finally, it says: "There is not much evidence of breaking in prices, and the very few instances that have come to our knowledge are limited in the amounts sold and the decline in prices. This makes the transactions the more indefensible, for it is simply breaking the market, both in the present and for the future, without present or ultimate advantage. In truth it is in every way bad, for it encourages the hope on the part of consumers that if they persist in holding their orders out of the market there will come a break among producers, an excessive production of coal, and, in the anxiety to sell, a damaging cutting of prices."

From such a paper such remarks are very significant. It would seem, therefore, that it has less confidence in the stability of the market than is manifested here in New York.

Prices are nominally the same as last week: Lump, Grate and Egg \$4 for Wyoming; Chestnut also \$4; Stove is held at \$4.25. Lehigh Lump may be quoted at \$4.25 @ \$5.25; Grate, Egg and Stove, \$4.25, with Chestnut at about \$4. Vessels for Sound ports are still scarce; rates East are still low, and vessels freely offering. To the ice ports the freights are likely to be low for the whole season.

PHILADELPHIA.

Office of The Iron Age, 220 South Fourth St., PHILADELPHIA, May 11, 1880.

Pig Iron.—The market still continues its downward course, and prices are again lower. The decline during the week may be placed at from \$2 @ \$3 per ton, the best brands being held with some degree of firmness, while outside lots are badly demoralized. Buyers limit their purchases to the smallest amount possible, which has the effect of creating unusual urgency among sellers. The immediate condition of the Iron trade is, therefore, one of great perplexity, and, from extreme buoyancy, the market seems to have drifted into hopeless despondency. This eventually may prove to be as temporary and evanescent as the recent "boom" was, and there are not a few who express an opinion that a period of great activity is near at hand. That the recent revival has already spent itself seems very improbable, and there are many good reasons for expecting another active movement. It cannot be affirmed, however, that the country is in as good condition for an advance as it was some months ago, and the most that can now be hoped for is an increasing volume of business, with some margin of profit to the manufacturers. The speculative fever is over, and the visions of wealth to be realized in a few months' trading have been generally dissipated. There is also the disagreeable fact that, beyond certain figures, other countries become formidable competitors. The difficulty to be met at this time is in the vast quantity of material suddenly thrown on the market and the consequent unsettling in values. Some appear to think that this, though unavoidable, has utterly destroyed the summer's business, and that it will take months to recover from its ill effects. The condition of the crops during the coming summer and the prospect of foreign demand, may have an important influence on business. These are matters upon which no definite opinion can be formed at the moment, although they will doubtless have a direct bearing on the Iron trade. The ultimate recovery is considered a matter beyond doubt; but, as previously mentioned, there is a difference of opinion as to the time. Some think that an improvement abroad would react upon this market at once, and that a very slight start would set the entire machinery in motion, while others are of the opinion that production must be curtailed until stocks are in better shape. The question of consumption is probably the most important factor, and if this continues as heavy as during the past 12 months, values will soon become firmly established. At present reports are not quite favorable in this respect, but it would probably be rather premature to assert that the manufacturing interests have relaxed into inactivity. New orders are said to be scarce, and most of the work going on is on old contracts. It is likely, however, that the rapid decline in prices is the reason for orders being kept back. If business is in the healthy condition generally believed, the demand for manufactured articles cannot long remain in abeyance, and with the renewed demand, prices will become settled, and possibly take a fresh upward turn. So far as regards Pig Iron, however, the market at this writing is quite unsettled, and quotations can only be considered as an indication of the market. For small lots of No. 1 Foundry Iron, holders ask \$26 @ \$28; No. 2 Foundry Iron, \$24.50 @ \$25.50; Gray Forge, \$23 @ \$25. English Iron entirely nominal. Scotch offered at \$21 @ \$21.50 for Edging; \$22 @ \$22.50 for Glengarnock; \$23.50 @ \$25 for Gartsherrie. Bessemer Irons are reported as offered at all sorts of prices from \$21 @ \$26.

Blooms.—Are entirely nominal, and it seems impossible to effect sales at present. Holders ask same as last week, but would not doubt make concessions if sales could be effected. We quote prices nominal, as follows: Charcoal Blooms, \$35; Run-out Anthracite, \$70; Sunken Scrap Blooms, \$60; Northern Ore Blooms, \$55.

Muck Bars.—There seems to be no demand whatever, and although there are sellers at \$45 @ \$47.50, we have not heard of a single transaction.

Structural Iron.—We have to note a decided improvement during the past few days. Inquiries are more numerous, and sales amount to a very respectable aggregate. The decline in prices seems to be bringing in orders, and if all the applications for prices are based on actual business, as they are believed to be, a large amount of work will be given out at an early date. Bridge work is specially active, and several orders have been given out during the past few days, with a considerable amount still under negotiation. Prices are easier, and about 3¢ for Angles and 3.5¢ for Beams. Channels and Tees seem to be the usual asking prices.

Plate and Tank Iron.—The market is reported dull, heavy and weak, and no transactions of note have been reported for some time past. We have reason to believe, however, that some important orders are likely to be placed before long. Inquiries have been made for considerable quantities, and of a character that indicates the certainty of actual business under contract. For the time being, however, everything is as dull as can be, and manufacturers are somewhat despondent at the turn affairs have taken. Prices are irregular, but may be quoted about as follows: Tank and Common Plates, 2.9¢ @ 3.1¢; C. No. 1, 3.4¢; C. H. No. 1 Shell, 3.65¢; Flange, 4.4¢; Best Flange, 6.4¢; Fire-Box, 4.4¢; Solid Bloom, 7.3¢.

Sheet Iron.—There is a little more business doing, but not many large lots are being moved. Buyers appear disposed to wait for further developments, and buy only when compelled to do so by exhaustion of supplies. Manufacturers have reduced prices again, but seem to expect a large demand as the season advances. Merchants and the larger consumers have shown more disposition to place orders within the past two or three days, but we have not heard of any important contracts being actually closed. The stiffening in Tin Plates seems to have quickened buyers somewhat, which shows that values are very sensitive, and, under favorable influences, might soon again show an upward tendency. The following are average quotations for small lots:

Common Sheet, No. 26 to 28..... 3 1/2¢
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 Best Refined 3/4 @ 3/8 advance on the above.
 Best Bloom Sheets, No. 26 to 28..... 7 1/2¢
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 Best Bloom Sheets, No. 26 to 28..... 7 1/2¢
 Common Red Plates, 3-16 to 1-8..... 3 1/2¢
 Blue Annealed, 3-16 to 1-8..... 3 1/2¢
 Best Bloom Galvanized, discount..... 25¢
 Second quality, discount..... 35¢

Bar Iron.—It is difficult to define the condition of the trade to-day. Manufacturers are doing very little work and have still less coming in. Consumption is large, however, but parties appear to have stocks sufficient to keep them going, and, therefore, although consumers are rapidly using up supplies, they are buying comparatively nothing. It is impossible to say how long this will last. Western manufacturers seem to be eager for orders. New York and the East seem to be stocked with foreign Iron. The demand, therefore, is of a local character, and only for small quantities to make up an assortment. The immediate outlook is certainly not encouraging, and prices are weak and irregular. Some ask 2.8¢, but there is no doubt business can be done at 2.6¢ @ 2.7¢, possibly lower. Skelp Iron is inquired for to a moderate extent, and sales of several hundred tons are reported at about 3¢.

Coke.—Prices are nominally unchanged at \$2.50, but in consequence of the strike, orders are not being taken at present. Deliveries are being made at \$2.50 on sales made last week.

Steel Rails.—As mentioned in our last, there has been a very active movement in Rails, but prices are easier, and may be quoted at a decline of \$2.50 @ \$5 per ton from last week's figures. Great secrecy is maintained in regard to prices, but there is no doubt that orders were taken last week for considerable quantities at \$65, at mill. Higher prices are asked for early deliveries, but \$65 @ \$70 may be considered about average prices, with a tendency toward lower rates, in sympathy with the decline in raw material.

Iron Rails.—Business during the week, so far as we can learn, aggregates about 6000 tons. A large portion of these were foreign Rails, and one lot of American from stock. Prices were all under \$50, and at the moment it would be difficult to find buyers unless at some liberal reduction from that figure. Manufacturers find it impossible to compete with foreign Rails at the moment, and transactions are mostly in these descriptions. The indications of a heavy demand continue favorable, and it is not unlikely that prices of raw material have nearly reached a point at which foreign competition can be met. We quote the market active and feverish at \$43 @ \$50 for heavy sections.

Old Rails.—The market continues dull, and under a strong pressure to realize, lots have been offered at \$26 @ \$27, but, so far as we can learn, no one seems to have the courage to make an offer. There seems to be no demand whatever, and until parties find some use for Old Rails, they will continue neglected as at present. The decline seems to be out of proportion to that in other articles, so that when the turning point is once reached, a sharp reaction may be looked for. At the moment they are entirely nominal at \$26 @ \$27. A sale at \$25, Philadelphia delivery, is just reported.

Scrap Iron.—The supply seems to be out of all proportion to the demand, and prices cannot be quoted with any degree of accuracy. Holders ask \$25 @ \$27 for Wrought, and \$20 @ \$22 for Cast, but we hear of no transactions.

Nails.—Are nominally unchanged, but there are sellers at \$4, although \$4.25 is quoted as the nominal figure.

PITTSBURGH.

(By Telegraph).

PITTSBURGH, PA., May 12, 1880.

The Western Nail Manufacturers' Association, at a meeting held to-day, reduced the card to \$3.25 rates and will stop production two weeks in the three, beginning Monday, May 17.

Office of The Iron Age, 77 Fourth Avenue, PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 11, 1880.

The event of the past week was the meeting of the Western Iron Association, which was unexpected, and the further reduction in the card, which, although not looked for, came sooner than the trade had counted upon. The great object of the Western Iron manufacturers is to get the value of American Iron down low enough to shut out imported Iron, and if this last reduction is not sufficient to accomplish the object sought after, a still further reduction will be made. It is very evident now that the collapse of

the boom was brought about by the heavy importations, and, taking advantage of their experience, which to many engaged in the Iron business is anything but pleasant, there is a determination manifested not to make another mistake in the direction indicated. The dullness in nearly all branches of the Iron business is more marked than during any time, possibly, since the panic, and then, with labor troubles and values of all the raw articles unsettled and too high as compared with the product, the situation is not encouraging, but hopes of an early improvement are entertained. The collapse in Iron has affected, directly as well as indirectly, other important interests, including ore, coke, coal, &c., and general business here in Pittsburgh. We feel the effects of the Iron depression more, probably, than any other city in the country.

Pig Iron.—A reliable statement in regard to the furnaces in and out of blast would be very interesting at this particular time. It is known that a number both here and in the valleys have blown out within the past few weeks, and if the market continues in its present condition much longer others will do likewise. Furnaces in the West, as a rule, are in better shape than they have been for a number of years past; are not obliged, as was the case with some just after the panic, to continue in blast and sell their product as best they could, in order to raise means to meet maturing obligations; on the contrary, the policy now is to blow out whenever the price gets down to or below cost of production, and to stay out while the market continues in that condition. While it is true that the cost of production has been largely reduced, the reduction as yet is not sufficient to cover the depreciation in the cost of the produce, and besides, there is no demand for it at any price. Manufacturers, as a rule, have very few orders. Some of the mills are stopped, and neither mill nor foundrymen are buying unless forced to do so, and then only just enough to meet immediate actual wants. There is now and again an attempt made from the seaboard to effect sales of imported iron, but as already intimated, there is no use in making the effort, as it is not wanted. In regard to the immediate future of the market, there is, as might be expected, a difference of views; some are hopeful of an increased demand within the next few weeks, while others, and these appear to be in the majority, do not look for much, if any, change for the better until the latter part of July, when the fall trade opens up. In the present condition of the market quotations are worthless, as there are no sales, and with no buyers, sellers are refusing to name prices they would be willing to accept in order to effect sales, but it looks as if the market would open at \$23 @ \$25 for Neutral Forge, and \$27 @ \$28 for Red Short, and at these rates it is claimed that there would be little if any margin for profit.

Ore.—There appears to be nothing definite as yet in regard to the policy of the Lake Superior companies, but the feeling prevails that they will make a reduction—that they will not attempt to hold furnaces to the contract price made during the boom. As a matter of right, the Ore companies have the advantage. One company has already notified those furnaces to whom they sold at the advance, that they will allow an abatement of \$3 1/2 ton, or \$9.50 1/2 ton delivered on the dock at Cleveland, instead of \$12.50, and others—possibly all of them—will do likewise. It is very evident that the price of American Pig Iron must be kept down to, if not below, that of foreign Iron, and this could not have been done at the contract price for Ore.

Manufactured Iron.—Mill men nearly all continue to report business very dull, but they are hopeful of an early change for the better. It is natural for buyers to hold off just as long as there is a possibility of prices going lower; but once there is a reasonable assurance that hard pan has been reached, there is good reason to look for an increased business. Reliable advices from the West report that stocks, both in hands of jobbers and consumers, are pretty well run down and will soon have to be replenished, and there is every reason to expect a large consumption, not only in the West, but through out the country. Notwithstanding business is dull, prices are steady, and the belief prevails that the bed-rock has been reached. At current rates the products are low, as compared with the cost of raw Iron. We quote on a basis of 2 1/2¢ for Merchant Bars.

Nails.—The market continues dull and unsatisfactory so far as the manufacturer is concerned, and no real improvement can reasonably be looked for until speculators succeed in unloading and get out of the way. So far as we can learn, manufacturers are adhering to the card—\$4, 60 days, 2 1/2¢ off for cash, and the usual abatement of 10¢ per keg on lots of 200 kegs and upward—but there is no difficulty in buying from second hands at \$3.40 @ \$3.50, net. As the Western factories have all stopped for six weeks, stocks in first hands are light, and the same is true at the leading points of distribution throughout the West. The tremendous supply held by some of the Western jobbers, as reported in the daily papers, turns out, like a good many stories published in the "dailies," to be a myth. The regular monthly meeting of the Western Nail Association will take place here tomorrow.

Railway Supplies.—While business at present is dull, but few fresh orders are coming forward. An active demand is looked for just as soon as values become more settled. That the enhanced cost of Iron killed for the time a good many new railway projects is admitted, but a large number of new roads are under contracts, and then nearly all the old roads will be forced to buy more or less Iron soon. It is expected that there will be considerable inquiry for Rails before long.

Wrought Iron Pipe.—The demand continues light. Discounts quoted at 60¢ on Gas and Steam Pipe, and 35¢ on Boiler Tubes. Oil-well Casing, 3/4 inch, 80¢, net. Oil-well Tubing, 2 1/2 @ 30¢, net.

Steel.—While fresh orders are not coming forward very freely, the demand having been offset by the collapse of the Iron boom,

capital exceptions in several lines of goods. Yates & Co., of Birmingham, a firm who have made special efforts to compete with American edge tools, are said to be in regular receipt of handsome orders from the Cape, West Indies, Australia and certain South American markets. From Brazil they are receiving large orders for "Collins" pattern English axes. Other houses are doing well in hoes, picks, &c., and in match sets for Cuba. On the other hand, large quantities of American hay forks, clocks, axes, &c., are regularly coming into Birmingham, &c., as well as French and Belgian saws, domestic notions, tools, lamps, &c., German wire, lamps, Belgian guns and revolvers, Swiss watches and woodenware, &c., &c. In the Bilston district, where the stamping trades are chiefly located, prices are lower to the extent of 2½ to 10 per cent. on fry pans, rice bowls, dish sheets, &c.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE
are fairly well engaged, much of the current output of the iron and steel works being apparently on American and Canadian account, judging from the following list of the shipments last week, namely: Rails to New York, 670 tons, by the Downland Iron Company; 500 tons, by the Rhymney Iron Company; 900 tons, by Messrs. Crawshaw Bros.; 1503 tons to Quebec, by Mr. W. Y. Edwards; 1100 to New Orleans, by the Downland Iron Company; 1115 tons to New Orleans, by the Rhymney Iron Company; old rails to New Orleans, 200 tons, by Messrs. Barton & Son; pig iron to Philadelphia, 920 tons, by the Forest Iron and Steel Company; bars to Amersham, 75 tons, and sheets, 75 tons, by Messrs. Booker & Co. Cyfartha is alleged to be growing quiet again, and there are renewed rumors of intentions on the part of the proprietors (Crawshaw Bros.) to convert part of the establishment into steel works. At Downland a new mill (for sheet rolling, I believe) is being erected. Sir Ivor Guest, the proprietor of Downland, is likely to be created a peer. In the neighborhood of Swansea the tin-plate works are irregularly engaged, and there is much trepidation among the manufacturers by reason of the astonishing fall in prices. Should the depression continue, a restriction of production will no doubt be again had recourse to.

FOREIGN.

FRANCE.

(Moniteur des Interests Matériels.)
PARIS, April 25, 1880.—Metals.—A steady improvement in general business has been noticeable here, but has not extended to metals. Copper is again considerably lower. We now quote: Chili Bars, 155 @ 157.50; Ingots and Slabs, 155.25; Best Selected, 170; and pure Corrocoro Ore, 165.50 francs the 100 kilos. Tin has remained weak and dropping all along, the total decline for the week being 10 francs. We quote Banca, 212; Billiton, 212.50; Straits and Australian, 211.25; and English Refined, 212.50. Lead has been dull, giving way 1 franc. We quote it deliverable at Havre, 42.50; and here, 43.50. Spelter has been the only metal uninfluenced by the demoralization now reigning in the markets. We quote Silesian at Havre 54, and other good brands here and at Havre 53.50. Iron.—Some speculative holders, getting alarmed at the doubtful aspect of the iron trade abroad just at present, their stocks have been pressed upon the market, leading to a general decline. Merchant iron still sells in moderate quantities at 25 francs; Flooring iron at 26, and Common Sheet Iron at 30 francs. At the works in the iron regions prices have been tolerably well upheld; makers seem to incline to the belief that the demand for the many constructions planned all over France for the ensuing summer, the present decline at the distributing centers will only prove temporary. It is hoped, however, that the speculators will soon have realized what they hold, and that consumers will, after a while, return to the legitimate channels of supply. One of the leading iron houses here has just contracted with forges at the North for Flooring iron in standards in need of 24 francs at the works. The quantity thus secured is a large one, and is a proof of the confidence which some of our largest Parisian concerns possess in the future of iron prices. At the Haute Marne the current quotations are still 25 francs for first-class Merchant iron; 27 for Mixed, 28 for Charcoal and 30 for ditto first quality. Special first-class, 32; Best, 33; Machine, No. 20, Coke, 26; Sheet, Coke, first-class, 26 @ 27; Axes, 26 @ 27; ditto Finished, 35 @ 37; English Sheet, 28; Iron Wire, No. 20, 38 @ 39.50; Nails, No. 18, 35 @ 36; Castings, 44.50 @ 29; Mouge Pig, 14 @ 16. At Valenciennes the meeting of iron masters has confirmed the previous price list, which leaves Merchant iron 24 francs. Most of the northern forges have work enough in hand to last them for the campaign. The second meeting has come off at Maubeuge on the 23d inst. A great steel works will be created at Montmedy, between Ecoville and Grand Verneuil. Goods for the Melbourne Exhibition are loading at Toulon on board the Finistère, leaving early in May. Coal.—This fuel is about 50 per cent. lower than it was three months since. Sales have been effected here at 44 francs. At the North and in the Pas-de-Calais prices are weak. At St. Etienne the shipments are on the decrease.

BELEGIUM.

(Revue Universelle.)
BRUSSELS, April 25, 1880.—Iron.—A decline of 2 francs has taken place in response to the accounts from abroad. Merchant iron sells at 13 francs, Pig at 8.50 @ 10; Best, 22.50; Ralis, 25.50. Makers are, nevertheless, not discouraged; they are evidently under the impression that the present reaction will not last long, and they show a tolerable amount of confidence. There are more so as most of them have still got a good many old orders on hand keeping them busy. For aught we know, they may be right in not getting frightened at the first reaction. The second meeting has come off at Maubeuge on the 23d inst. A great steel works will be created at Montmedy, between Ecoville and Grand Verneuil. Goods for the Melbourne Exhibition are loading at Toulon on board the Finistère, leaving early in May. Coal.—This fuel is about 50 per cent. lower than it was three months since. Sales have been effected here at 44 francs. At the North and in the Pas-de-Calais prices are weak. At St. Etienne the shipments are on the decrease.

GERMANY.

(Borsenhalle.)
HAMBURG, April 22, 1880.—Iron.—We hear from the Saxe, Luxembourg and Lorraine districts that although slower here than anywhere else, the generally drooping tendency in the iron markets is making some progress. Pig iron having declined at Luxembourg 10 francs in three weeks. In Upper Silesia there is still great animation in iron, at lower rates for Merchant iron. Although there is nothing very encouraging in the present state of business there, it is believed that during the coming summer and fall months will meet on the Lower Rhine and Westphalia but a moderate iron trade is transacting. Our weekly report from Dortmund reads as follows: "Iron has remained pretty much unaltered here. A good many iron and steel works have got work on hand for the present, but they begin to get uneasy about the future, for in two or three months from now present orders will most of them be filled. Other makers have work enough to last them into the fall. It cannot be denied, however, that the general tendency is a decidedly downward one, if therefore the orders for railroad material for German railroads, so long and so frequently held in prospect, do not soon make their appearance, quite a break in

prices seems to us unavoidable. Nor do the accounts from England and America at all look as though the iron trade would experience another revival. Despite this by no means reassuring outlook, the workmen of five iron manufacturing districts struck for higher wages at Remscheid. Iron production in the Dortmund district during the first quarter of 1880 has been 3,801,067 cwts. of Pig, against 3,274,110 cwts. the previous quarter, and 2,83,657 during the first quarter of 1879. Merchant iron, 2,670,422, against 2,513,572 and 2,26,952; Iron for castings, 3,018,922, against 2,28,884 and 2,285,502. Metals.—The general market has been flat and inactive. Lead unchanged. We quote English Pig, 17.50 @ 18; ditto Sheet, 18.20 @ 18.50; German Pig, 17.50 @ 18, and Spanish, 18.50. Copper is lower. We quote Swedish Atvidaberg, 74; Bremen 77; English 66 @ 67; ditto Sheathing, 80 @ 82. Tin is rapidly declining. We quote Banca and Australian, 83 @ 90, and English, 90 @ 94. Spelter is quiet at 22 marks; Sheet Zinc, 27 @ 27.25 the 50 kilos.

AUSTRIA.

(Austrian Trade Journal.)
VIENNA, April 25, 1880.—Iron.—Stagnation in the iron trade is the rule just at present throughout Austria and Hungary. A good trade had been looked forward to in articles suitable for the spring trade, but in vain. The greatest mischief has been done by the combination among makers to uphold the prices ruling early in the year. By adopting this disastrous policy while iron had begun to decline everywhere outside of this country, they discouraged all business, and now, when they would be too willing to effect some sales, there is no demand. They will either have to decline sufficiently to stimulate a demand, or they will have to wait till the iron markets of the world improve once more and get them out of the scrape. For this they may have to wait a long time. The worst is that there is no export demand whatever; all the works are doing is to execute the few orders left that have not been anything better to do, they are complaining of the low price at which these orders they are still now filling were contracted for, and that the entire revival of last fall and winter has not benefited them in the least. But for this they have only themselves to blame and their bad management. Another complaint they are indulging in is the one of too low duties on iron coming from Germany, but of these only the Northern workers object, for the works in the mountain districts do not fear German competition, nor is it likely that the duties will be raised, now that we are trying to form a customs' league with Germany. We quote Coal Pig 6 @ 6.50 for the 100 kilos; Gray do, 6.50 @ 6.70; Bessemer, 6.85 @ 7; Spiegeleisen, 9; Coke Pig, 6 @ 7—all at the works. Corinthian Merchant here, 14.50; Sheet, 17.50 @ 18.50; Bohemian sheets, 13.50; Boiler do., 17; Pillars, 12.50.

HOLLAND.

(Kock & Vlierboom.)
ROTTERDAM, April 27, 1880.—Tin.—This metal is again duller, and a very little transpires in it. A few sales of Banca have been effected at 47.50 @ 48 guilders the 50 kilos, and of Billiton at 47.50 @ 48 which some more may be had, but not in large quantities.

CHILI.

(Ferrocarill.)
VALPARAISO, March 21, 1880.—Copper.—The week has been a tolerably lively one, the price on shore being \$19 per quintal, and on board, \$19.5 @ \$20.25. The market for the unfurrowed and cable from London, prices have been well well maintained by apprehensions of a decline in Exchange. P. S.—March 27.—Some few more sales have been effected at \$19.25, on shore, and \$19.45, on board, on the coast. Last night, however, Chili Bars were called as low as 16; from England, a fresh decline of 30¢, in accordance with which we shall probably give way here 20¢ @ 30¢ per quintal.

The Prevention of Smoke.

A committee was appointed some time since by the Citizens' Association of Chicago, to which was referred the question of recommending some means by which the nuisance of smoke can be abated. This committee, consisting of R. T. Crane, G. W. Blatchford and D. H. Hale, report as follows: It was well known at the outset that much time and research had heretofore been given to this important matter by the best scientific talent in the world, for many years, without much benefit from practical results, but we were unprepared for the eagerness with which we were met on all sides by those who were anxious to forward our views, and were gratified to find public interest so much aroused and desirous of our success in ascertaining some measures for relief from the smoke nuisance. The same agitation appears to be going on in Great Britain, where corresponding societies have been formed in the larger cities for the sole purpose of dealing with this question, and we can say right here that we cannot ascertain from our correspondence that any greater progress has been made there, nor any better or essentially different devices discovered, than here, for the prevention or combustion of smoke.

It is not out of place to refer briefly in this report to the scientific principle which underlies all proper and systematic efforts to prevent smoke, for it is its prevention and not its destruction or consumption that should be aimed at. This principle is the complete combustion of the gases which arise from the consumption of fuel. Let there be complete combustion and there will be no smoke, properly speaking, although almost invisible vapor or gases will arise from the chimney tops. To promote this complete combustion atmospheric air, in the proper quantity, must be admitted to the furnace and be allowed to mingle with the gases, while at the same time they should be brought together by some mechanical process, and not allowed to escape through the flues until their use has been of thorough avail by their complete combustion; the residuary vapor alone should pass out above. In ordinary furnaces, when in charge of careless or incompetent men, this cannot be done, and the dense volumes of smoke that are seen rolling from the chimneys of some manufacturing plants are a sure indication of carelessness or incompetency in the boiler room. But, however well the fireman may do his duty, there will be at all times a good deal of smoke, unless some simple contrivance is used to assimilate the gases and supply the proper modicum of atmospheric air or superheated steam, so as to produce perfect combustion, and the various devices and inventions brought to our notice have been recommended as combining, in a greater or less degree, the scientific and mechanical principles herein alluded to. It is not our object to recommend any particular invention, nor even to point out the excellencies of any mode or system for preventing smoke. The inventions and devices are almost innumerable, the patents issued are several hundred and the number rejected much greater, and many of them possess merits of their own. They include: A water drum (with leg) in front of the bridge walls and inclined bars; deflecting arches in front and rear of a hol-

low iron bridge wall, perforated for the supply of air; such an arch over the bridge wall, with an arrangement of the furnace doors so as to supply the proper quantity of air; surface-draft inventions, combining the application of hot steam and atmospheric air; a perforated fire-box for the incandescence of the fuel in front of the flues, with a gas chamber and arrangement for the supply of air or steam; automatic feeders of various patterns, including one which pulverizes the fuel and spreads it evenly upon the burning mass under the boilers; various applications of superheated steam, gas and hot-air chambers, for the admission of air into the furnace. All these have, as stated, merits peculiar to themselves. We incline to the belief that no plan can be perfectly worked without intelligence in the boiler room—no device will display its own complete capacity.

We are indebted to some of the great railway companies of England and France for drawings of the simple apparatus used by them in locomotives and for the history of previous experiments. They agree that smoke can be prevented to a great degree by the use of these appliances, but lay great stress on the stoking or, as we call it, firing. Some companies commend the use of coke when within cities, others that the stoking or firing shall be completed before entering the city, so that new fuel need not be added therein. We are of opinion that these suggestions should receive great consideration, as, if the switch-engines could be confined to the use of anthracite, and other locomotives be provided with simple apparatus and fired with care while approaching and within the city limits, much of the annoyance from that source would be stopped.

The subject is of such great importance that it has engaged the attention of our municipal authorities, and a proposition is now pending to enforce the prevention of smoke by a city ordinance. We take pleasure in stating that we are in accord with the city administration in our endeavors to bring about an abatement of this growing nuisance. The time and circumstances are very opportune, and public sentiment is strongly with us.

From all the evidence examined by us in the shape of correspondence, and from our personal observations of smoke-preventing apparatus in this city, we are of the opinion that the smoke nuisance, as far as it proceeds from stationary boilers and tugs, can be abated so as to be inoffensive, and we recommend that a city ordinance be passed for that purpose, to take effect within such time as will give all persons interested an opportunity to fit their works with such apparatus as they may deem best for the purpose. The same opinion applies, measurably, to locomotives, and they should be included in the ordinance. Such a law, in its details, should contain provision for an adequate penalty for its violation from any cause except unavoidable accident, and for one or more inspectors constantly engaged in its execution.

Denis Papin.

The Mayor of Blois, France, asks the co-operation of the American public in erecting in that city a statue of Denis Papin. He says:

Local tradition long maintained that Denis Papin was born at Blois, but this was only a vague legend, perpetrated from generation to generation. In 1834 the registry of his birth was discovered in the archives of our town, where he was born on August 22, 1647.

When he was 24 years old and was studying medicine at Angers, he contracted a strong friendship with the celebrated Dutch savant Huygens, who was attending lectures at the academy of that town, and who recognized in Denis Papin a mind of a strong scientific bent.

Having taken his degree as doctor of medicine, the latter went to Paris and then suddenly crossed over to England. At this period, it must be allowed, his coreligionists (for he was a Calvinist) were being persecuted by the Ministers of Louis XIV, and not wishing, for that reason, to return to his own country, where he saw no promise of a comfortable life, he made his way to Venice and thence returned to England. But the edict of Nantes was revoked in 1685, and Denis Papin, finding it impossible to return to France, determined to settle in the town of Marburg, in Germany, where a portion of his exiled family was already domiciled.

I will not write his biography. I need to say, however, that at the age of sixty he embarked with his family on a steamboat constructed by himself; that it was his intention to exhibit his machine and transport it to England; that he arrived at Loch, near Munden, on the Weser, and that on September 26, 1707, his invention was destroyed by the Mariners' Guild of the Weser, who had the monopoly of navigating that river.

He survived this catastrophe ten years. His hopes as a man of science were destroyed. The few resources he possessed were gone. He had always had little; he now had nothing.

When one sees France so rich in monuments and statues, it is melancholy to think that Denis Papin has not even a tomb to recall his memory.

His native town has understood that it had a duty to perform. It long entertained the idea of erecting a colossal statue which should be worthy of the inventor of the motive power which has changed the face of the whole world. In this scheme it feared that it might fail. It has, therefore, decided to raise a statue of more moderate proportions, which shall put future generations in mind of this man of genius.

But the mite of the United States, however small it should be, would be a memory which the town of Blois would cherish. It would be a proof of the sentiments of sympathy which unite the two great republics.

The action of the Paris World's Fair Commissioners of 1878, in ordering the striking of many thousand medals for distribution among the foreign commissioners, jurists and non-competing exhibitors, simply as pleasant memorials of the fair, is very noticeable. An outlay of \$60,000 for this simple act of courtesy, two years after the event, is some-

thing that many countries would not have thought of, or would not have accomplished if they had thought of it.

LABOR AND WAGES.

The managers of the Susquehanna Rolling Mill, Lancaster, Pa., surprised the local union, a branch of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, by running their mill full turn a few days after the union men had withdrawn from it on account of a petty difference of opinion in regard to the employment of one or two men.

The following are the average wages paid the different classes of workmen at the Bethlehem Steel Works, as given to the Pennsylvania Bureau of Statistics:

	Per day.
Foreman, various departments.....	\$1.50 to \$6.00
Engineers, stationary.....	1.25 to 2.00
Firemen (Boilers).....	1.10 to 1.38
Hands in steel mill.....	1.08 to 6.00
Roll hands.....	
Merch at mill.....	.48 to 4.00
Puddlers.....	3.00 to 4.00
Puddlers' helpers.....	1.40 to 1.98
Teamsters.....	1.00 to 1.53
Boys.....	.30 to .75
Foundrymen.....	1.25 to 2.25
Machinists.....	1.15 to 3.00
Carpenters.....	1.25 to 3.00
Blacksmiths.....	1.35 to 3.00
Blacksmiths' helpers.....	1.04 to 1.14
Brick and stone masons.....	1.58 to 2.97
Train hands and brakemen.....	1.60 to 2.10
Laborers.....	.85 to 1.34

Nearly if not quite all of the coke works in the Connellsville region are idle from a strike against a reduction of wages for mining coal and drawing ovens. The rates offered are coke drawing, per oven, 70 cents; mining, per wagon, 30 cents. The wages of the other laborers are also to be reduced, but how much the notice posted does not say.

The boiler makers of the Huber Manufacturing Company, Marion, Ohio, have issued their "bull against the comet," and struck against the introduction of machinery—the machine in the case being a new appliance for riveting. The strike will probably be of short duration.

The strike of the muck rollers at Wheeling, W. Va., is over, and has ended in the manufacturers accepting the scale offered by the men. The scale is based on the price of nails, and ranges from 62½ to 99½ cents.

Some of the members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers are not satisfied with the tariff demonstration that is to be held at Beaver, Pa., June 5, and propose to hold one of their own at Pittsburgh about the same time.

Referring to the strike of the muck rollers in the mills of the Wheeling (W. Va.) district, a local paper says: The Bellaire (Ohio) Nails Works is one of the most fortunate manufacturing establishments of our acquaintance in regard to strikes. To a large extent the mill is operated on the co-operative plan, nearly all the higher classes of workmen being also stockholders. None of the employees hold membership in the Amalgamated Association, and, consequently, they ran on this week without hindrance or embarrassment.

The coal miners of Western Pennsylvania held a meeting last week, at which it was decided not to accept any reduction. The following resolution was passed: *Resolved*, That this convention accept no reduction, and that it approves the actions of the Inter-State Convention in toto.

The Amalgamated Iron Association have sent a check of \$1000 to the Richmond strikers. This is rather a small amount to distribute among several hundred men who have been idle for over two months.

There has been a strike or lockout at the Catasauqua Mill, Catasauqua, Pa., owing to the discharge of a number of union men.

The Schuylkill Coal Exchange, at Pottsville, issued the following circular on May 4: The following collieries, having been drawn to return prices of coal sold in April, 1880, to fix the rate of wages to be paid in that month, make the following returns:

Merriam Colliery, P. & R. C. & L. Co.....	\$2.47
Mahanoy City Colliery.....	2.51
Preston No. 2 Colliery.....	2.50
Pottsville Colliery.....	2.43
North Ashland Colliery.....	2.49

The average of these rates being \$2.46 3-5, the rate of wages to be paid in April, 1880, is one per cent. below the \$2.50 basis. As previously announced, the rate of wages for April will be the full \$2.50 basis.

The puddlers and helpers of the Allentown Rolling Mill held a meeting at Allentown on May 5, and resolved to demand their wages earned in April and refused to them May 3d. "And we also demand the company to make up or pay for the time lost since you stopped down, it not being our fault, but yours. We are all agreed, as workmen, to start at any moment at a medium scale. We, as puddlers, boilers and helpers, agree to go by the following scale, viz., giving up (the company) the privilege of choosing any paper that quotes on the iron market. On common iron, 8 per cent. on the dollar, the scale to run from \$45 up to \$75 per ton. Above \$75 per ton, the company has the privilege to change the scale. The puddlers claim the privilege of changing the scale when rails are sold below \$45 per ton. (You will please recollect that the scale formerly in use was 8½ per cent. on the dollar.) For boiling iron: When bar iron sells at \$40 per ton we demand \$3.75 for boiling, and for every \$5 raise per ton 25 cents raise for boiling, giving you the privilege of changing the scale when bar iron sells above \$75 per ton in the market, the employees claiming the privilege of changing the scale when bar iron sells below \$40 per ton."

Notices have been posted up in all the mills in South Harrisburg to the effect that a reduction of 50 cents per ton will be made on the work of the puddlers in the mills on and after June 1.

The Boston Transcript says: A new machine for measuring leather accurately was exhibited Saturday afternoon at the factory of Palmer & Smith, No. 67 Hamilton street. It consists of an upper and lower table, the leather to be measured being placed on the lower table. The weight of the upper table is counterpoised by an iron bar equal in weight to the table. Pendant from this table are 3240 weights, giving a surface measurement of 45 feet. There are 72 weights

to each square foot. The lower table is perforated, allowing the weights on the upper table, when nothing is on the under table, to drop down. If a piece of leather is on the under table, the weights rest on it and move a pointer on a dial, the pointer being capable of indicating 45 feet, and each foot of the leather on which the weights rest is indicated on the dial at once, the pointer moving once for each 144 square inches. There is a water-stop by which the pointer can be instantly stopped. The inventor is D. T. Winter, of Peabody, Mass., who has been working at it five years. The first machine cost \$1000, but it is now retailed for \$200. This is the one hundredth machine, and there is one other in the city in the factory of Young & Co.

Compound Armor.—An important gunnery experiment took place lately on board the Nettle target ship, in Portsmouth Harbor, with a composite plate specially manufactured by Messrs. Cammell, of Sheffield. The plate was an experimental one, and was fired at to ascertain whether an improved process which had been invented for fusing the iron and the steel together does not increase the powers of resistance of armor plating. The plate measured 6 feet by 5 feet 8. As it was so small comparatively, it was resolved to fire only two shots at it instead of three as is the custom, but the plate came out of this test so satisfactorily that the arrangement was not adhered to. The thickness of the plate was 9 inches, an outer surface of 3½ inches being fused on to 5 inches of iron, the process of fusing being, it is understood, carried out while the iron is placed in a vertical instead of a horizontal position. The plate was securely wedged in an iron frame fixed to a transverse wood bulkhead, and the weapon used was, as heretofore, a 12-ton 9-inch muzzle-loading rifled gun, standing behind a thwartship bulkhead 30 feet from the plate, and charged with 50 pounds of battering pebble powder and chilled Palliser shots 25 pounds in weight, giving a muzzle velocity of 1420 feet per second, and an energy at the muzzle of 3486 feet. Both projectiles broke upon the plate, only their points entering, and these not to any serious extent, while the few cracks which were occasioned were superficial in character. These shots were fired in the morning, but in the afternoon the Director of Naval Construction visited the Nettle, accompanied by the Italian Attaché, and it was then decided to discharge a third projectile at it. The plate stood this test better than had been expected, the penetration being comparatively inconsiderable, and the depth to which the cracks extended not going beyond the steel. Indeed the results of the trial exceeded those which had been obtained with most, if not all, the sections of armor-plating manufactured for the turret-ship Indefatigable.

The Petroleum Fields of Russia.—The owners of American petroleum deposits will before long have to encounter a considerable amount of opposition in view of the discoveries of this valuable oil on the Continent, and especially in Hanover and Russia. The beds in the latter country are comparatively boundless, extending for a distance of 1500 miles along the Caucasus range, from the Caspian to the Black Sea. At the present time, however, there are but two districts in this large area where any systematic efforts are being made to obtain the petroleum. One is in the valley of the Kuban river, which flows into the Black Sea, where two wells have been sunk by a French company under the superintendence of an American manager. This company has a refinery at Taman. The other and most productive district is near Baku, on the Caspian Sea. Many wells have been sunk here to the depth of 300 feet, having a daily yield of 25,000 barrels of crude petroleum. An extraordinary amount of sand flows out with the oil, and is heaped up near the orifice of the wells in banks at least 30 feet high. Large refineries exist at Baku, though the refined oil at present produced there is not as good as the American oil.

A railroad with some novel features has been recently opened between the stations of Ribeauville (on the Strasburg Basle line, Germany), and the town of that name about 4 miles distant. The line is on the road (with which the rails are level), and has a narrow gauge of one meter. There are inclines of 40 mm., and curves of 50 meters radius. The train requires only one engineer and one guard. The locomotives weigh 9 tons, and among the rolling stock are ten platform wagons, which are arranged for conveying wagons from the main line without the goods being transferred. These platforms carry two rails, corresponding to the normal larger gauge, and they rest on two bogie trucks having four wheels each. Thus the larger wagons can be conveyed over the sharpest curves of the narrow line. These platform wagons weigh 3 tons, and the large wagons, with full charge, weigh 15 tons, giving a total weight of 18 tons, which, divided among the four axes, gives a maximum load of only 4½ tons per axle. Passengers, as well as goods, are conveyed upon the line. The total cost of the line has not exceeded 250,000 francs.

A peculiar case in relation to weighing scales has recently been decided in an English court, which may be of great interest to scale makers and users in this country. It seems that there is a scale known as Salter's Family Scale, which consists of a bowl-shaped scale on an upright pillar, and a finger and dial register underneath. It is said that 40,000 of these scales are made every year, and thousands of them are in use in the government departments. It was alleged by the prosecutor in this case that, by placing the goods to be weighed on one side of the scale, and not exactly in the center, the weight was erroneously registered, sometimes to the extent of several ounces. The defendants, being a Manchester firm who had sold one of these scales, were found guilty of the charge of having sold a false or unjust balance, and were sentenced to pay a fine of 20 shillings and costs. As might be expected, the case is to be taken to a higher court.

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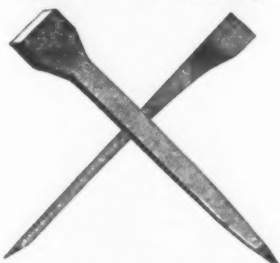
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The Consumption of Coal in the Iron Trade.

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It is admitted by the greatest authorities on blast-furnace management that there is room for economy, but that economy will be effected in a different way from the old methods of saving fuel. Hitherto the primary object of improvements in that direction has been to directly reduce the quantity of coal consumed in the blast furnace; the problem of the future will rather seek to utilize to a greater extent than formerly the heating power that has either not been utilized or has been allowed to go to waste. For the last 10 years it has been considered an unusually good result to smelt a ton of iron with a ton of coal, the average rate of consumption exceeding that quantity. Knowing well by experience that it was an achievement to produce a ton of pig iron from a ton of coal, Mr. Menelaus, of Dowlais, stated in 1869 that, in his opinion, it would not be unreasonable to expect a saving of 15 cwt. of coal on each ton of pig iron produced in the blast furnace. That saving has not yet been realized. Nothing has occurred in the experience of the trade to demonstrate its impossibility; on the contrary, the greater success that has been attained in another direction should rather be regarded as an evidence of how theoretic possibility can be reduced to practical utility. Mr. Menelaus, however, did not make his estimate on purely theoretic grounds. The great scientific authority of Dr. Siemens had previously been pledged to accomplish a saving of 50 to 60 per cent. by the application of the gas regenerator, which was being extensively employed even then in the United States and Yorkshire, but which has since then not been so generally adopted in the iron trade of this country as might have been expected, owing probably to two facts—first, although the saving in fuel was represented as great, the cost of the apparatus was also great compared with that of other means that purported to serve the same purpose; and next, the introduction of less costly and more easily applied stoves has since then kept the economic problem in an experimental stage of development, which has led the majority of iron masters to await in an attitude of observation the decisive solution of the problem, or the test of experience as to which means should prove the best and cheapest.

There has been little doubt entertained as to the possibility of economizing the present consumption of fuel. It is admitted that the heat now produced by 20 or 23 cwt. of coal or coke is about the minimum quantity required for smelting a ton of iron; but by the application of economizing apparatus, such as those which have exercised the scientific genius of Dr. Siemens, the requisite heat can be secured from a less quantity of coal, or the amount of heat contained in a ton of coal used in smelting may be utilized to a greater extent than it is at present by economizing the gases that have hitherto been wasted. This is the problem that is likely once more to engage the attention of the iron trade, both in this country and in England. Our requirements of coal for other purposes have been so steadily increasing, and the sensitiveness of the coal market has, consequently, become so much greater than was the case in any former period of our commercial history, that the less dependent our iron trade is upon our supply of coal, the better will be its prospects and its fortunes. Not only will the cost of iron be reduced in proportion as the consumption of coal in its manufacture is diminished, but its stability as a great and indispensable industry, upon which the success of other industries of a mechanical nature is, to a considerable extent, dependent, will be more sure and certain. It is not necessary, says the *Colliery Guardian*, to go back to the experience of 1872-3 to illustrate this feature of the trade. Illustrations of it will be continually occurring. This year, with all its abundance of coal supplies, and with all its distress among our mining population, has furnished two notable examples of how the one trade may be crippled or damaged through its dependence on the other. The great strike that occurred in the Durham coal field at the beginning of the year, and the lock-out that has occurred in Lanarkshire at the end of it, should help to impress upon the iron trade, not only the economy, but the policy of so utilizing to the utmost latent or wasted sources of heat as will place that industry on a sounder and surer footing. Like other trades, it has sometimes enough to do to adjust its own industrial problems, and to balance its own accounts, and so long as absolute dependence upon another industry is a condition, not only of its progress but of its existence, it cannot be considered in a safe position. Economy of fuel in the iron trade will not, in the long run, injure the coal trade; and its effect on the iron trade itself will increase both its profits and its security. If the saving which Dr. Siemens and Mr. Menelaus estimated there was room for were realized, it would represent something like 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 tons of coal per annum, and with the price of coal so rapidly rising, and the dependence of the iron trade so clearly demonstrated, the time seems to be ripening for such a long-delayed consummation.

To say anything of the waste of heat in coking is to repeat a truism; it has been admitted and deplored times without number, but nevertheless remains unremedied. In this branch of the iron trade there is room for a saving equal to at least 1,000,000 tons of coal per annum. A dozen years ago Mr. Isaac Lowthian Bell tried a successful experiment on this subject. He had a blast furnace erected on his coal-field, and attached to it an apparatus for heating the air by utilizing for that purpose the waste heat from the coke ovens. Experience in that case showed that the ovens required to make coke in that furnace were capable of supplying about two-thirds of the air heated to the proper temperature; in other words, there was a saving nearly equivalent to 300 weight of coal on a ton of iron. If this

measure of economy were extended to all blast furnaces using coke, the total saving would be nearer 2,000,000 tons than 1,000,000 per annum. Yet this waste is continued. Results similar to that experienced by Mr. I. L. Bell have been obtained at Seraing and other Continental iron works, notwithstanding which we, with our more abundant supply of coal, allow it to go to waste. In a paper on the coke manufacture of South Durham in relation to the iron and steel trades, read by Mr. A. L. Stevenson, before the Iron and Steel Institute, at Newcastle, that gentleman gave some useful accounts of the application of the escaping gases from coke ovens to heating colliery boilers; and he calculated that, even by thus utilizing only 12½ per cent. of the heat from the waste gases of the coke ovens, if that comparatively small economy were adopted throughout the South Durham coal-field, there would be a saving of 1,085,869 tons of coal per annum, representing a large sum of money which, in recent years of depression and loss, might as well have been realized. Of course these economies require some preliminary expenditure in plant or in structural alterations, which capitalists are unwilling to incur in periods of depression and gloom; but now that the commercial outlook has cleared up so suddenly, this subject may be opportunely brought under notice.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

MASSACHUSETTS.

A couple of experienced miners have reopened the West Wately lead mine with a force of 20 men.

J. Stevens & Co., the Chicopee pistol and gun makers, have begun the enlargement of their works which was contemplated for some time. Their business is increasing so fast that they will nearly double their capacity.

The walls for the foundry extension in the Lowell machine shop yard have been completed, and the roof is being put on.

Work is being pushed as fast as possible on the new silver plating works at New Bedford. The works will have a capacity for employing 200 hands, and it is believed by the projectors that within a year the factory will be running to its full capacity. Every branch of the business will be carried on upon the premises, from the preparation of the raw material to the last polish of the articles which fit them for the market.

The Union Cutlery Company, of Shelbourne Falls, consisting of Herbert B. Rowley, Walter T. Young, Edward Ritchie and George T. Drabble, have dissolved, and the works have stopped, preparatory to their removal to Greenfield.

Estabrook & Wires, screw manufacturers of Milford, are building an addition to their factory, 22 x 40 feet.

The imports at the port of Boston during the month of April was not exceeded by the aggregate value of the imports of all the Atlantic and Pacific ports, New York excepted.

CONNECTICUT.

The Hartford Steam Company have increased their capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and they will at once put up buildings and lay pipes. The system is not the Holly, but an adaptation, called the "Hartford" system.

The American Bicycle Company have been organized at New Haven with a capital of \$10,000, of which \$2500 is paid in.

NEW YORK.

The Silver Cliff Mining Company have ordered their second battery of boilers from Babcock & Wilcox, making 400-horse-power in all. As soon as these boilers are in place the company expect to increase their capacity to 70 tons of ore per day. The Trenton Iron Works, of Trenton, N. J., have just put in their second Babcock & Wilcox boiler of 60-horse-power, and are now running their Corliss engine from these two boilers. The engine is 20 x 42 inches, and makes 170 revolutions per minute. These boilers have also been ordered recently for the Empire, Ontario and Horn Silver Mines in Utah, the Plata Verde in Colorado, the Mohave in Arizona and the Chihuahua and Guadalupe mines in Mexico. The Penn Steel Company are also putting in 300-horse-power of these boilers.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The yield of iron at the blast furnace of the Warwick Iron Company for the week before last was 425 tons—the largest amount of iron that has ever been made by this furnace during any one week since it was put in blast the first time, and the largest yield of any furnace in the Schuylkill Valley. The best previous record of the furnace was 414½ tons, which was made some three months ago.

The foundation for the new pattern shop of the Reading Iron Works has been laid. The walls are 2 feet thick. It will be a two-story brick building, 146½ feet long by 60½ feet wide.

Twenty of the new coke ovens erected by the Cambria Iron Company, at Merrell, Fayette County, are now in operation.

No. 3 of the North Lebanon furnaces is being blown out. The furnace stands in need of repairs, and for this reason the fires have been drawn.

The new furnace at Dunbar, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, will be blown in shortly. The old one was blown out some time ago.

On account of the breaking of one of the three-high rolls, all the departments of the Birdsboro Nail Factory are lying idle. Work will be resumed as soon as repairs can be made.

As a result of the change of gauge of the N. Y., F. & O. R. R., 100 locomotives will have to be built. Two-thirds of this number will be built in Meadville, the remaining third at Galion shops. All of these are to be completed within 15 months, and during that time will give employment to a largely increased force. Already the force in the boiler shops has been doubled, and new men are being employed rapidly.

The Fottstown Iron Company have started up their nail plate mill and nail factory, the extensive repairs having been completed.

On Wednesday, the 5th inst., just 16 days from the time the Western File Works were burned down, work was resumed at those

works. The Beaver Valley News says: The debris is about all cleared away, and the temporary machine shop is completed and men at work in it (this shop will be used for other purposes as soon as the permanent machine shop is finished), and one or two small buildings are also inclosed and under cover. The main building will be 32 feet longer than the old one was, and two stories high, with an iron roof. The machine shop will be another two-story building, and twice the length it was before the fire. The blacksmith shop will be built of brick; before it was frame. There will be two large engines, one a 300-horse-power. The work of rebuilding is being pushed forward as rapidly as men can do the work.

It is reported that the engine house of the Rockland Furnace, recently put in blast, was destroyed by fire on Saturday, the 1st inst.

At the Atlantic Iron Nail Works of Kimberly, Carnes & Co., Sharon, all departments are shut down except the guide mill. There are some signs that the Keel Ridge Furnace—belonging to the above firm—is about to blow out. The Middlesex Rolling Mill is still idle.

Thomas Warner's French Creek Iron Works, at Warwick, Chester County, have suspended operations for the present on account of the overstocked market.

Stokes & Parrish, Philadelphia, have just completed and shipped a very powerful double steam furnace hoist for the Cambria Iron Co.'s new furnace at Johnstown. They are also busy on passenger and freight elevators, having orders from Cincinnati, O., Detroit, Mich., and other distant places. In Philadelphia, they are putting passenger elevators into the establishments of McCallum, Crease & Sloan and the Ridgway estate. Hydraulic elevators for Hood, Bonbright & Co., Young, Smith, Field & Co., and others. They are also building two shipping hoists for the Perth Amboy docks of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, besides numerous orders for miscellaneous work.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

The Empire Plow Works, Allegheny, are building an addition to their works.

H. C. Frick & Co. have ordered a discontinuance of work on all the new ovens which they had in course of construction in the Connellsville region, and have directed, further, that the ovens now in operation be drawn less frequently than heretofore, which will decrease the output. This may be considered as a direct result of the fall in iron, which has seriously affected the price of coke.

The Stewart Iron Company, of Sharon, which recently bought the Beeson farm, a mile east of Uniontown, and the coal underlying it, for the purpose of making their own coke, have abandoned for the present their project of erecting a large number of ovens.

The partnership existing between Messrs. W. Jarvis and W. C. Gray, under the name of Jarvis & Gray, brass founders, has been dissolved by the withdrawal of Mr. Jarvis. Mr. Gray has taken into partnership Mr. William M. Everson, and will carry on the old business under the firm name of Gray & Everson.

The plate department of the Superior Mill, Allegheny, has been put on single turn again.

Ten large locomotives (ten wheels each) are to be built at once at the Manchester Locomotive Works, for the Texas Pacific Railroad.

OHIO.

The manufacturing facilities at the old Perkins Engine Works, in North Toledo, now run by the American Machine Company, are being constantly extended. Seventy-five sets of machine castings are now turned out daily, employing 40 men. This shop supplies castings for the western trade of the company only.

The Cleveland Rolling Mill Company have increased their capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

The Diebold Safe and Lock Company, Canton, are building a large addition to their already extensive works, which, when completed, will afford them facilities for turning out 35 fire-proof safes per day, in addition to their burglar-proof safes and other work.

The work of building the Nail City Glass Works, at Bridgeport, opposite Wheeling, was commenced on the 25th ult. The works will manufacture bottles and fruit jars exclusively. It is thought that they will be ready for melting glass by the middle of June.

The new glass house at La Grange is rapidly approaching completion. The stack is nearly up, and the frames of the building are all in position. The works will not be ready for operation by July 1, however, as desired.

Work has been begun on the new stack of the Etna Glass Works at Bellaire. The furnace will have a capacity for 13 pots, and the stack, when completed, will measure 90 feet in height.

Four switching engines have just been commenced at the shops of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis road, Columbus. They are to be 14,000 pounds heavier than the four switching engines recently turned out of these shops and stand on six wheels. Engines of such capacity are needed at Indianapolis, Columbus, Bradford Junction and Pittsburgh, to handle long cuts or detached trains.

A telegram from Steubenville, dated May 9, says: This morning, about 3 o'clock, a frightful explosion occurred at the Steubenville Furnace, which will probably result in the death of Mr. Carstenen, an employee. Yesterday the work of blowing out the furnace was commenced, by the application of water on the bell, and about 3 o'clock this morning, while Mr. Carstenen was at his work on the top of the furnace, the water accumulated to such an extent as to force the bell down, letting a great quantity of water into the furnace and causing a terrible explosion. A large amount of the contents of the furnace was instantly forced out of the stack, causing a shower of fire to fall for some distance around the works and setting the hoisting house on fire. Carstenen is not expected to recover. The damage to the furnace cannot, at this writing, be estimated.

The work of reconstructing the old rolling mill at Wellsville is being pushed rapidly by

the new proprietors—the Wellsville Plate and Sheet Iron Co.

Two boilers of the Grace Furnace, at Brier Hill, near Youngstown, exploded on the 30th ult., killing two employees and injuring several others. The cause of the explosion cannot as yet be ascertained. The loss, which is principally in the boiler and casting houses, is about \$4000, fully covered by insurance.

The Bellaire Furnace has suspended work. The Miller Chain Company are now the only manufacturers of chain at Akron. They occupy the works formerly owned and operated by Mr. Chevrier, who was one of the oldest chain manufacturers of this country. The Miller Chain Company make a specialty of coil, cable, trace and fancy chains, and manufacture a full line of agricultural chains. They employ about 100 hands, and at this time they are very busy, having orders far ahead of the present capacity of their works.

The Revolving Scraper Company, at Columbus, manufacturers of Doty's revolving road and lever scrapers; self-oiling railroad, canal and ore barrows and the "Mammoth Hard Pan Railroad Plows," are very busy in all the departments of their works. They are so pressed to fill contracts at this time for railroad barrows that they have ceased to solicit orders, but by recent arrangements for a largely increased capacity of their works, they hope to be able soon to fill all orders promptly. They have recently issued a new illustrated and descriptive catalogue and price list of their "Jacobs' Patent Wheelbarrows," comprising a great variety of barrows, among which they make the railroad and canal barrow, the ore or mortar barrow, the straight-handle stone barrow, the bent-handle stone barrow, the garden or farm barrow, and the off-bearing or green brick barrow, as leading specialties. These barrows are so constructed that they can be folded up so as to make a flat package, giving great facility for shipment. The Jacobs patent wheel possesses many new features worthy of notice. It has ten spokes of thoroughly seasoned hard wood, the hub is of chilled cast-iron, and is riveted firmly to the spokes, which are so cut as to counterbalance each other, and are keyed from the center after the tire is shrunk on. It is claimed that this wheel will not shrink or give in any weather or climate, and consequently that the tire never gets loose, the wheel revolves on a fixed shaft or axle-bolt, which passes through the handles and is a brace to them. By a hole drilled in the hollow washer of the wheel is in motion, that the axle is completely lubricated. The company having recently constructed their new scrapers entirely of steel are meeting with heavy sales for that style, but keep on hand a supply of the old style. Their new catalogue will be found of interest to dealers in this class of goods.

ILLINOIS.

Tuthill & Co., 51 South Jefferson street, Chicago, have recently begun the manufacture of wagon seat springs, with the most improved machinery, and every facility for making a superior spring. Their present capacity is about 1000 pairs a week. The Columbia Iron Works, Chicago, are completing several lineal mills, an engine for a yacht and several large stationary engines. The establishment employs 50 men. The Globe Foundry, Chicago, employing 22 men, have a casting contract for 500 tons of machinery for the new City Hall and for the State House at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Messrs. T. G. Perkins & Co., of Chicago, are building a four-ton steam hammer for a large Chicago concern. They are running their full force night and day, to keep up with their orders. The Marine Engine Works, Chicago, are opening a new department for the manufacture of Jewellers' machinery. The establishment has large contracts for wire machinery and machinery for excursion boats at Lake Geneva.

VIRGINIA.

Quinnifemont Furnace is in her eighteenth month of steady blast, and is doing well. Ferrol Furnace will go into blast as soon as her engine arrives.

Iron ore has been discovered on Bolivar Heights, Harper's Ferry.

Victoria Furnace, Louisa County, is to be put in blast soon.

It is rumored that two new blast furnaces are to be erected at Buchanan, Botetourt County.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Central Glass Works, Wheeling, has not decided definitely what will be the size of its new furnace. One of the three old ones will be torn down to make room for it, and if sufficient space for a 15-pot foundation be thus cleared, that will be the size chosen. Otherwise a 13-pot furnace will be constructed.

MISSOURI.

The Jupiter Furnace, belonging to the Vulcan Steel Company, has blown in and is doing well.

The Excelsior Manufacturing Company, of St. Louis, intend to make an addition to their already extensive establishment by building another moulding shop, 72 x 137 feet. The cost will be about \$5000.

What has Befallen the French Atlantic Cable?

There still seems to be some mystery as to the nature and cause of the accident that befell the French cable on the 1st of the month, interrupting telegraphic communication between St. Pierre and Brest. We have seen no authentic account of the extent of the damage or the distance from the shore end at which it occurred. But as it has been reported that the break was near St. Pierre, we might surmise that possibly it was caused by the deposition of heavy stones from the vast melting ice masses that have recently been moving over and east of the Grand Banks. The fracture of any of the Atlantic cables from this source is not impossible, and when the number and magnitude of the dissolving Greenland icebergs which sail over the sunken lines, transporting sometimes huge rocky masses, are considered, the wonder

is that they have so long escaped injury from these masses as they descend to the ocean floor. Seamen in the presence of icebergs are not often in the mood of investigating these ugly and threatening monsters, and are glad to give them as wide a berth as possible, so that few are careful to observe whether they are laden with stony debris. As they are also frequently invested with fog and mist the extent to which they are freighted with the rocks of their native mountainous Greenland coasts is little known. But while emerging from the Arctic seas and the Antarctic Ocean icebergs have been seen transporting stones which, if dropped into the deep sea during the dissolution of the berg, could hardly fail to damage an underlying cable and break its electric current. Ross, in 1841, passed very close to a berg and boarded it, reporting "a large piece of rock upon it which must have been of many tons weight, and nearly covered with mud and stones." Redfield and Findlay mention an iceberg stranded in 1827 on the Newfoundland Banks in 80 fathoms of water, with large fragments of rock and quantities of earthy matter imbedded in its sides. And Lieutenant Payer, in 1873, in the Austrian Arctic expedition, met with a very large one weighted with "stones and pieces of rock on its broad back." Is it possible that one of these great floating islands, bearing on its Atlean shoulders a cargo of Greenland boulders, has dumped some of its ponderous freight on the French cable and ruptured its coating, destroying the insulation of its central wire? A satisfactory answer to this question and an explanation of the interrupted communication between St. Pierre and Brest will be looked for with no little interest.—Herald.

The Saharan Railway.—Three points on

the coast of the Mediterranean have been proposed for the commencement of the line of railroad across the Desert of Sahara. Morocco, Algeria, and Tunis have each special recommendations, but there is a perfect unanimity of opinion regarding the expediency of making the route, from whatever place it is to be started, strike Insalah, a town which commands the whole line of traffic between the North and Timbuctoo. It is situated on the verge of the desert at the southern boundary of the French possessions in Northern Africa, and it is healthy and well supplied with water. The inhabitants have advanced far beyond the nomadic stage of civilization, and they are desirous of more intimate communication with still more civilized society.

The trade-mark bill which passed the House and is now pending in the Senate, is substantially in the form in which it was reported from the Committee on Judiciary, except that the penal clauses were stricken out. The bill provides that parties residing within the United States, or in a foreign country with which the United States has treaty regulations, may register trade-marks in the Patent Office on the payment of a fee of \$25. This bill differs from the law declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, in that the law applied to commerce between the States, whereas the bill just passed applies only to the traffic between the United States and foreign countries, or with Indian tribes.

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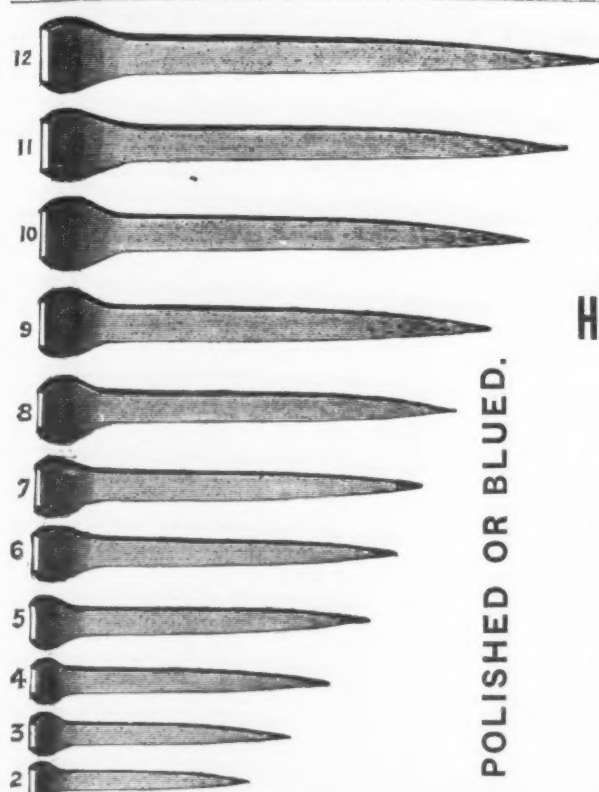
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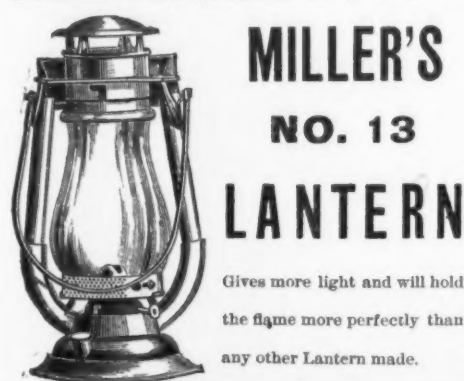
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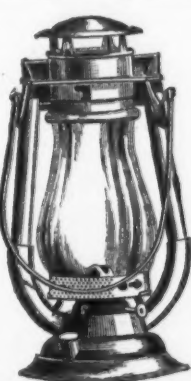
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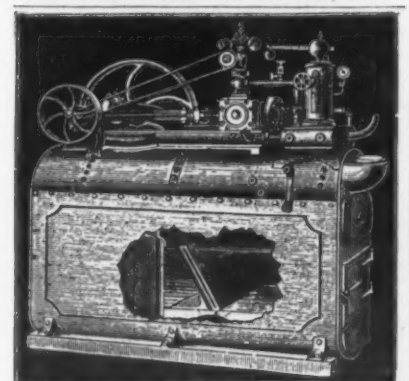
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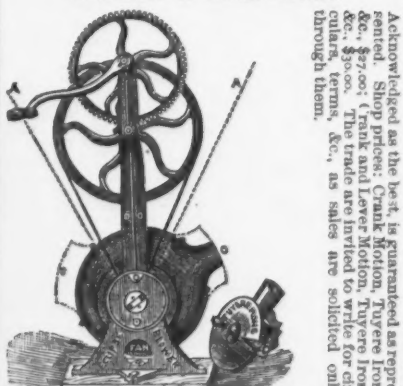
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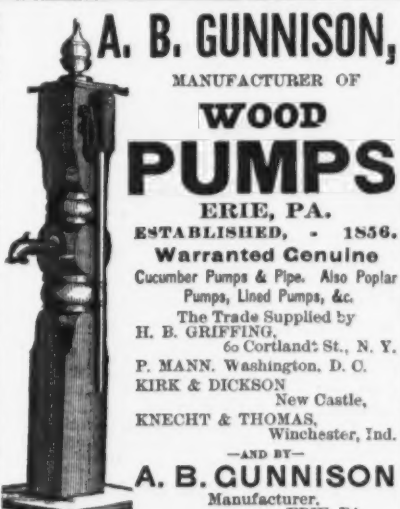
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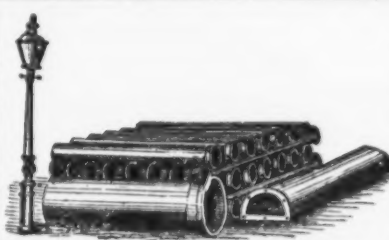
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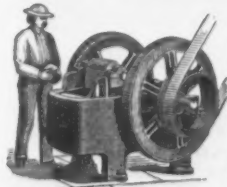
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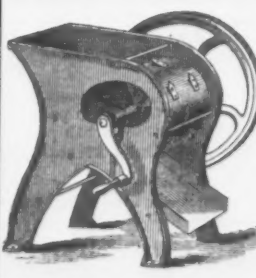
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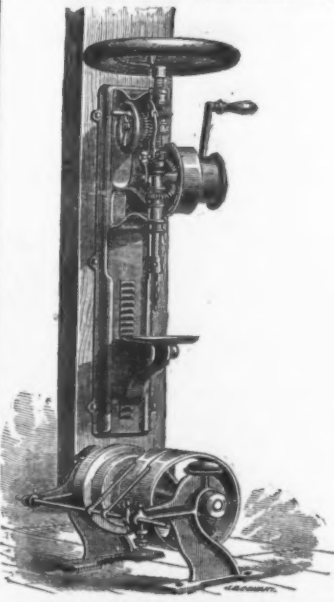
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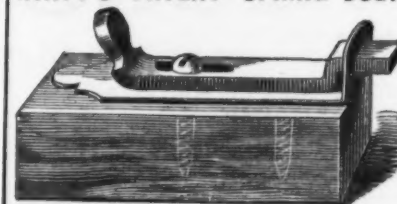
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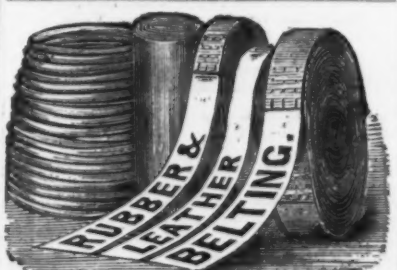
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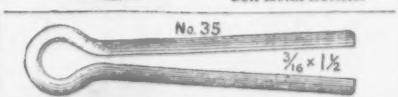


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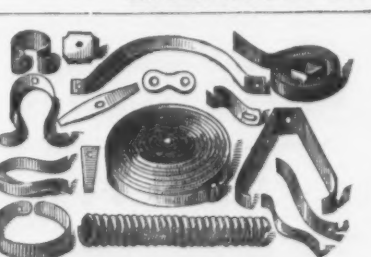
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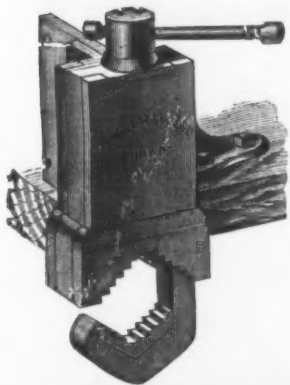
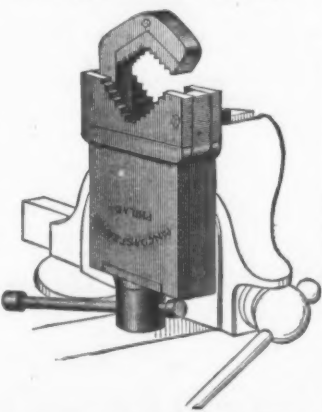
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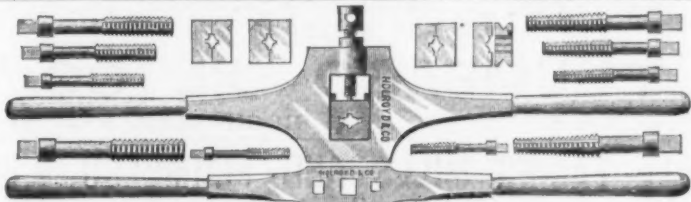
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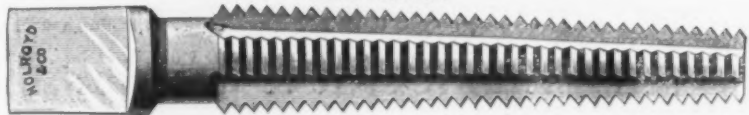
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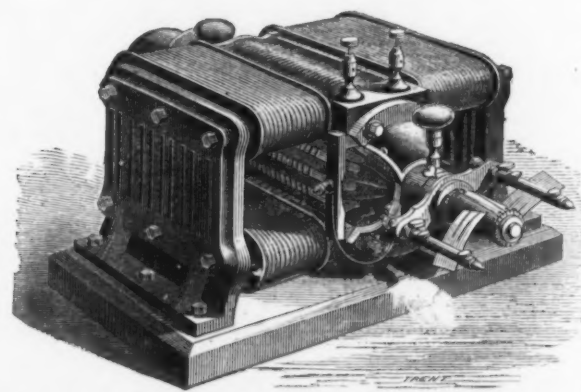
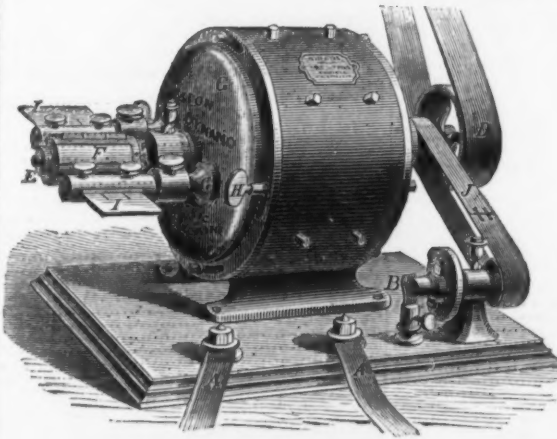
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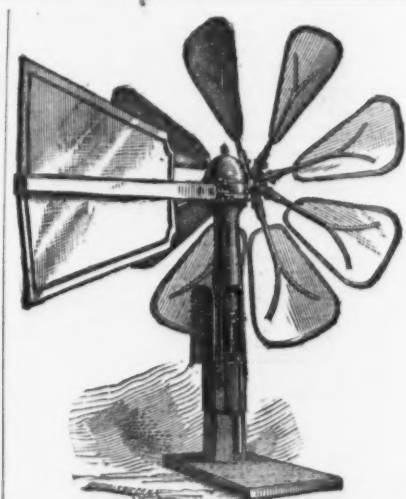
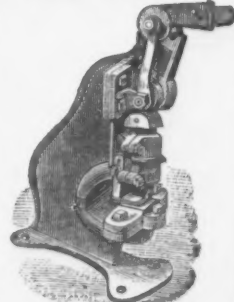
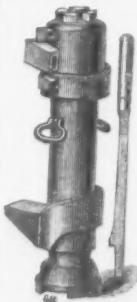
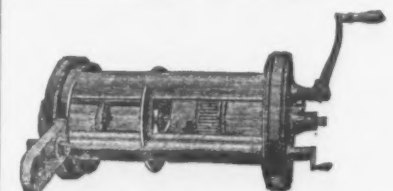
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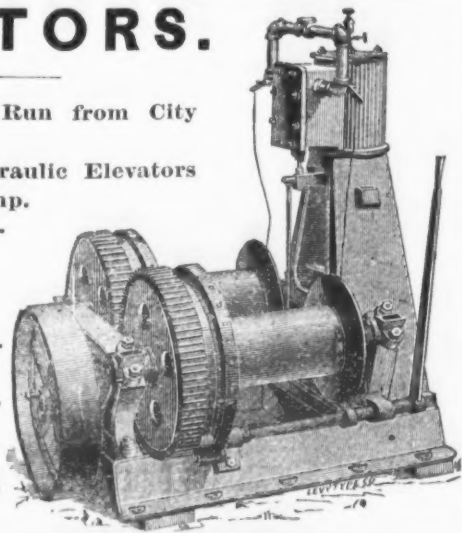
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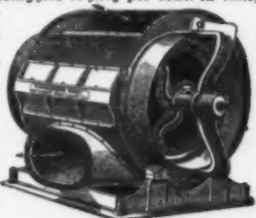
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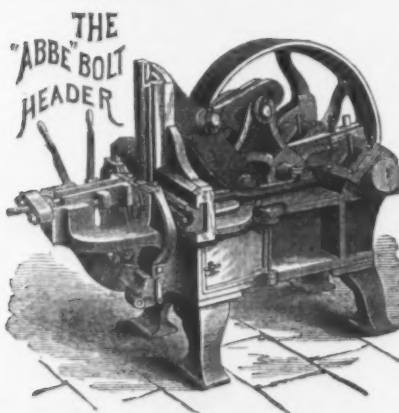
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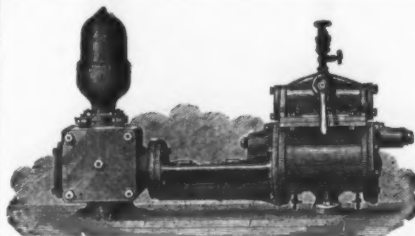
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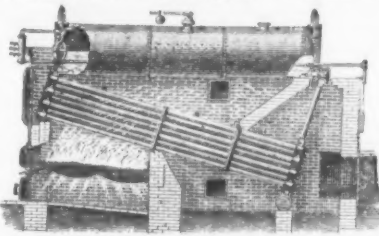
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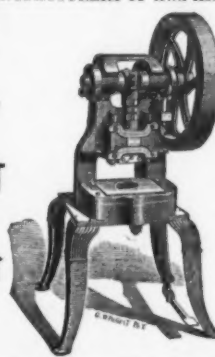
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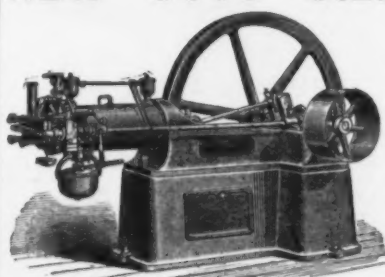


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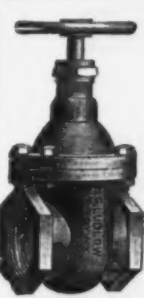
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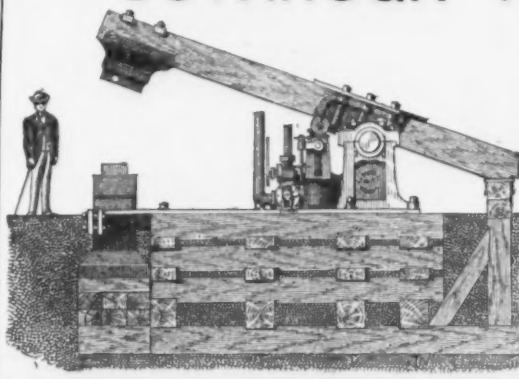
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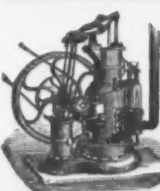
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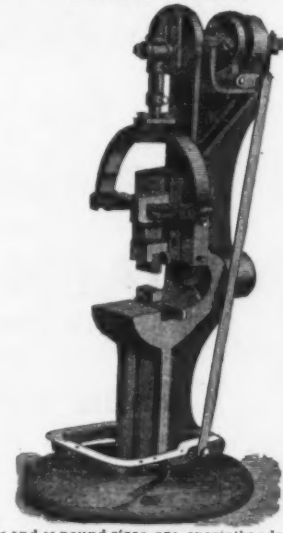
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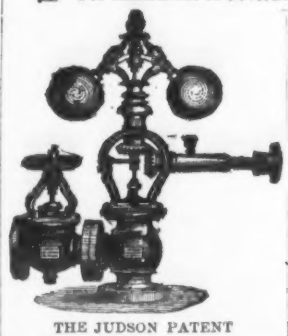
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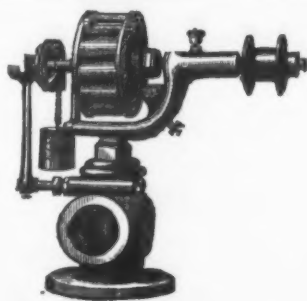
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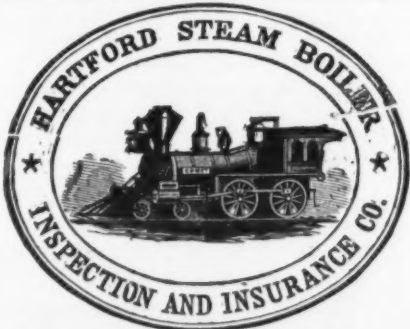
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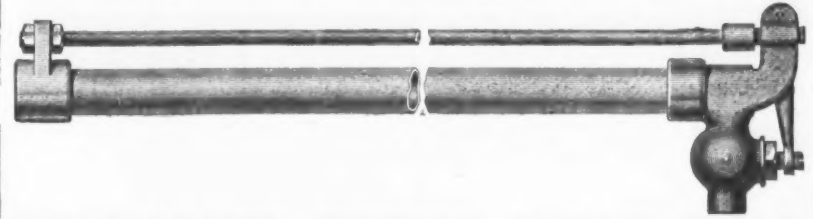
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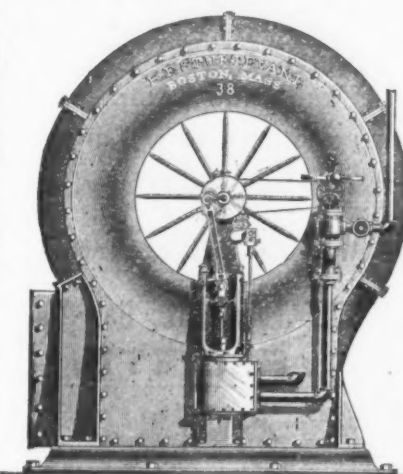
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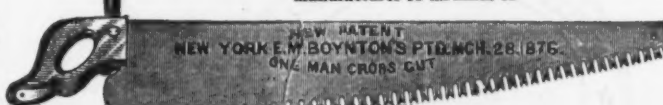
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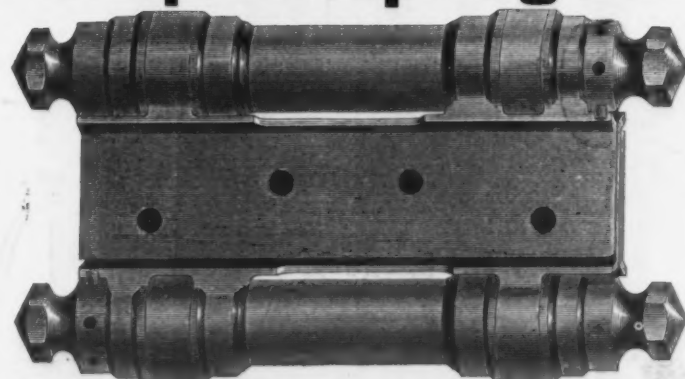


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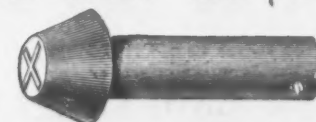
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